







The 1998 Yearbook of Annual Reports For the Year, 1997

Dedicated in Christian Love to the Memory of Carey Elizabeth Andes Earl Wright Parker

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| Elon College Community Church of the United Church of Christ | |
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| Members listed as of December 31, 1996 | 310 |
| Associate Members as of December 31, 1996 | 30 |
| Members received during 1997. | 19 |
| Associate Members received during 1997. | . 2 |
| Members transferred to other churches. | . 1 |
| Members deceased in 1997. | . 2 |
| Confirmed Membership as of December 31, 1997 | 329 |
| Associate Members as of December 31, 1997 | 32 |
| | |

Membership Statistics for 1997

Baptisms

2

Ryan Martin Allshouse January 12, 1997 William Robert Vickers March 2, 1997

Deaths

2

Carey Elizabeth Andes August 7, 1997 Earl W. Parker December 23, 1997

Weddings

David Andrew Ruth and Christy Lynn Chappell March 3, 1997

Tony Orlando Pinnix and Kristin Elizabeth Wilkins April 18, 1997

Christopher William Roehner and Helen Myra Rippy June 20, 1997

Edgar Fields Harris and Kathleen Melba Woodell November 15, 1997

> Church Office Hours in 1997 8:30 to 1:30 M - F Other times by Appointment

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Elon College Community Church 1997 Memorials

Memorials have been recieved and acknowledged for the following persons:

Carey Andes
Margaret Barber
John Barney
Marie Martin Craig
Ruth Cunningham
N.R. Franks, Sr.
Pearl Harper
Howell Harrison
Alton Huey
John Hughes
Anne Kellan
David Kreiser
W. Phalti Lawrence
Lacola Oaks
Margaret Orsvath

Earl Parker
Harold Parker
Gracie Rich
Dorothy & James Ruth
Mable Oxford Shacleford
Tim Stanley
Rena Underwood
Mabel Veasley
Gladys Vickers
Willard White
Charles Woosley
Nina Briggs Young

In Honor of: Mark Danieley
Beth Schmidt

We extend our sympathy and our blessings to the families who have traveled the pathways of grief in 1997. We are thankful for the gifts which celebrate the lives of loved ones in the living mission of Christ's church.

Life continues in the memories of those who remain behind. Life continues in the sacred promise of the Savior who conquers death and carries us to the realm of God which has no death.. no end.

Custodians

1998 CHURCH STAFF

Roberta Starr Building Fund Secretary

ev. Arch Aitcheson Pastor

r. William J. Andes Pastor Emeritus

s. Rebecca Peeler Director of Christian Education

rs. Elizabeth Langley Interim Office Manager

r. Richard Neubauer Organist

rs. Betty Dillashaw Accompanist

rs. Liz Aitcheson Choral Director

elma & Carolyn Cummings



___Pastor's Report Rev. Arch Aitcheson

ONE

Not one. But ones. Coming together as ONE. With one mission, One purpose, One vision . . . To serve One God In faithfulness to the ONE Who brought one message One hope, One promise One joined another One with one result: One God was glorified! One life was exemplified! One hope was shared! One Life saved many. It took that One and one other . . . You!





Pastor's Report continued

1997 has been a year of unity and spirit in this congregation! The poem that preceds this page suggests the formula.

The Christian Spirit has moved in the midst of us!

New faces are joining our fellowship and those who have been around longer, have remained faithful.

In 1997 we have fund-raised and fun-raised.

We have continued to reach out beyond ourselves to our community and world.

New programs, new adventures and new challenges have been put before us and all of us have responded.

Caring has continued to be our role in the fellowship and beyond.

There is a sense of renewal and a responsiveness in service and stewardship that guides us in living out our Mission Statement: "Living Christ in Today's World!"

The pages that follow point to the details.

For the moment, simply know that I thank God for each of you... the ONES who are his ministers in Elon College!

Let's pray for more of the same and new visions and challenges for 1998!

In Christ's Love,

Arch Aitcheson
Pastor & Teacher





Annual Report....1997 From: Becky Peeler, DCE

Two words can be used to highlight the year 1997. Those two words are "newness" and "renewal". For me, those two words sum up what Christian Education and myself have been about this year. Some of what I will say here will feature "new" programs; however most of what this report will describe is an overall feeling of newness and renewal about the church as a whole.

There were "new" teachers and leaders in Vacation Bible School. There was a new feeling of excitement as persons who were recruited did so willingly. Vacation Bible School, though small in number, had an overall feeling of excitement and fun for those who participated. One of the children asked if the week had to end. Leaders' comments included: "Let's do this again!"; "It was fun!"; "I enjoyed it because I don't usually get to work with the children". Could it be a "new" Vacation Bible School curriculum, some new faces helping that contributed to the excitement, wonder, and learning I saw happening?

Some "new" faces are teaching Sunday School in the Children and Youth classes this year. Some are "new" to our congregation; some are "renewed" in their commitment to the church. Teachers have committed to teach for longer segments of time, realizing the need for continuity for young children. It has been a wonderful feeling to see persons arrive early to prepare for children, youth, and adults - a welcoming presence. How refreshing it is for me to see people enjoying being a part of this important ministry. God has, in God's time, made the harvest ripe with workers.

Youth Ministry is such an exciting area to be involved with right now. What a joyful noise to hear the halls reverberate with the sounds only teenagers can make! This is such a fun time for me. It's like experiencing the proverbial sleeping giant awaken. There is "newness" in responsibilities being shared through adults who meet with us. There is "newness" on the part of the youth - who have asked and desired to be a part of the leadership responsibilities. The Youth Fellowship officers have done a superb job thus far. It's new; it's exciting to watch their leadership grow. The best part of Youth Fellowship this year is a "new" attitude. An attitude which says, 'This is important to me; I want to be here!" Through the years, I have learned Youth Ministry can be the most frustrating, the most challenging, the most fun part of Christian Education in the church. For when it is good -- it is really good!

At this writing, the youth are planning to go on a Mission/Work Project entitled Carolina Cross Connection during the summer of 1998. I feel God has definitely called us to this project. Even though this church has sent youth to ASP before, the preparations and participation of this one are "new". The youth participating will be different; the organization will be different: and my hopes for what I would like to see happen are different. All which contribute to a brand "new experience.

I love it when you can see God acting in people's lives. I have witnessed it this year, especially in the last six months, in the area of Christian Education. I have witnessed it in our Christian Education Board meetings; in individuals who have felt miled to begin a new program for children; in persons willing to do: in individuals who support and transform others by their presence.

There has also been renewal personally this year. Or maybe I should say there's been "redemption". Maybe it's the renewal on a personal level that accounts for the "newness" I have experienced in Christian Education. Yet the "newness" in education also provides for some of the personal renewal. Strange how that works. The two, though, would have no renewing quality without the redeeming love and power of God. Eve felt that too.

In Christ,

Becky Peeler

Director of Christian Education

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH December 31, 1997

The Music Department has been very active throughout 1997, and visible both in the church and in the community.

- The Chancel Choir participated in several special services this year.
 - Grief Support Network Memorial Service
 - Thanksgiving Community Service
 - Moravian Love Feast
 - Christmas Eve Candlelight service
- We actively coordinated with the Elon College Gospel Chor for the Elon College Parents' Weekend services. Liz visited a Gospel Choir rehearsal to help prepare them for the hymns and our joint anthem, and has been invited back to do more in-depth rehearsing next year.
- Four Elon College students were members of the Chancel Choir in the spring; one student is currently active
- We have had one application for the Artist-In-Residence scholarship, and we hope to award this in early 1998.
- The Chancel Choir and music staff served a meal to the Allied Churches Shelter in
- In September Chancel Ringers I merged with Chancel Ringers II to form The Chancel Ringers, a group of 10 members plus director Liz Aitcheson. Their purpose is to provide handbell music for worship.
- The Terrific Thursdays program has added handbell instruction to its schedule. The purpose for this group is to teach music through the use of handbells. Betty Dillashaw is the director.
- The handbells were returned to the manufacturer this summer for maintenance and repair. They were returned in time for rehearsals to begin in September. Total cost approximately \$1000.
- The organ has been tuned for the Christmas season.
- The keyboard is being used in worship instead of the piano because it can easily be adjusted in tune with the organ; no other maintenance is required.
- Our Chancel Choir stewardship mini-campaign achieved nearly 100% participation.
- 20 + 3 staff Total Chancel Choir members: 11
- Total Chancel Ringers:
- Total Terrific Thursdays Ringers:

Your music staff has enjoyed being a part of the worship and fellowship experiences of this church, and we look forward to an exciting 1998.

Entre Mulassaw

Report of the Moderator 1997

The hardest part being the Moderator for 1997 is writing this report. I am on my own. I can not call on the Boards, Committees, or staff to help me on this one.

This report is as much for me as it is for you, maybe more. It helps me to take sock of the positive highlights of 1997, such as the Crop Wak, Service Fair Project, Commissioning Service for Beverly Beyer, The Shalmar Church Youn Choir. Recognition of 25 of our members with 50 years or more of service to Elon Community Church, The Stephans Ministry Team and the groups that volunteer twice a menth with a meal and service at Allied Churches Shelter.

As you read the other reports form the Staff and Boards you can see that many fours of prayer, service and outreach by many members has made a lot of other good things happen during 1997. We have much to be thankful for.

I personally thank each member of the Staff, the Boards and the congregation for making the business life of the church during 1997 a blessed event.

There is still much to be done. Let us dream it - pray it - and do it.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Bill Blanchard Moderator 1997

1997 Board of Christian Education Annual Report

1997 has been a growing year for Christian Education. We have added new Sunday School classes, the Youth program is growing, and we are beginning to see some new faces in our nursery department. Our new Sunday School classes included a 2-4 year old class, new Adult Bible Study class, and a new College class.

Some highlights from this year include:

March 29 - Easter Egg Hunt and Blessing of the Baskets for the children April 20 - Bible Mentor Ice Cream Social for 3rd graders and their mentors First informational meeting for new adult Sunday School class.

May 2 - Christian Education helped serve a shelter meal

June 1 - Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

June 23-27 - Vacation Bible School

August 17 - Teacher Training Event

August 24 - Promotion Sunday. Everyone met in the Parrish House for a "Happy New Year" celebration.

September 28 - Rally Day. Had a cookout after worship to kick off the new Sunday School year with the theme "In the beginning...". Also presented a 3rd grader with their Bible.

October - Robin Gregory to start a Children's Fellowship with a party at her house Oct. 26.

November 30 - Advent Intergenerational Event.

December 21 - Birthday Party for Jesus.

These are just the highlights for the year, there is always something going on behind the scenes with Christian Education. We have in the past and will in the future be looking for teachers, those to help in the nursery and second hour care, and anywhere else there is a need.

I and the Board would like to thank Becky Peeler for the hard work that she does and the tireless effort she gives to Christian Education and hope that we as a board have helped in a small way to make her job easier.

Respectfully submitted,

Melodie Allshouse Board of Christian Education

ANNUAL REPORT

BOARD OF DEACONS

The 1997 Board of Deacons consisted of nine members and attempted to assist the minister in the spiritual affairs of the church. These responsibilities are man and varied, and have been a blessing to those of us with the opportunity to serve.

The Board of Deacons assists in the "mechanics" of worship, as well as overseeing several "behind-the-scenes" duties involved in carrying out the worship services of our church. Our board is responsible for setting up and assisting with communion, as well as the training and scheduling of acolytes, ushers, and liturgists. Becky Peeler headed up our acolytes this year, with Ray Harclerode overseeing the ushers and Tom Conally the liturgists.

In order to assist the pastor in our outreach to our congregation, each deacon has an assigned list of members (our Deacons - in - Care List) for special contact throughout the year. Specific deacons might be available to these individuals in times of joy or concern, serving as ambassadors of our church community. In addition, the Board of Deacons has endorsed the training and commissioning of several new Stephens Ministers this year. These are specially-trained individuals that are extensions of the spirit of our church community, reaching out to those among us with special concerns and needs. While we are grateful for these special folks, we realize that we need more of these specially-trained personnel (especially more men) to meet the needs of our congregation.

Special services and their planning involve our deacons - Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Homecoming, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. In addition we hosted the Shalimar Youth Choir from Florida and found housing for over 60 youth!

We fed the homeless at Allied Churches in October and decorated the sanctuary for the Advent Season early in December. In addition, we assembled and distributed fruit baskets to the elderly and shut-ins in our congregation. Beth Schmidt organized this for us.

The Board of Deacons traditionally oversees the music, and we have been quite fortunate this year to have had the services of our dedicated choral team - Richard Neubauer, Liz Aitcheson, and Betty Dillashaw.

Thanks to the direction of our spiritual leader, Arch Aitcheson, we have had a very fulfilling year in the life of Elon College Community Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Wilkins, Chair

BOARD OF EVANGELISM 1996 Report

This has been a busy year for the Board of Evangelism. Ongoing activities have included:

- Providing greeters each Sunday
- Providing lemonade after worship during summer months
- Continuing the Bread Ministry to those who have attended worship
- Sending hand written notes to incoming UCC freshmen at the beginning of the school year
- Hosting two luncheons for new church members
- Hosting a fellowship "sub supper"
- Soliciting snacks, preparing and distributing exam bags to Elon students twice a year
- Reforming gathering groups to encourage new friendships and fellowship
- Serving a meal at the Allied churches shelter
- Soliciting hosts for football Sunday and coordinating luncheon after worship for hosts and team members
- Organizing name tags

Many thanks to all the board members who have worked so diligently this year, and to all members of the congregation who have helped this board meet its goal of expanded fellowship and outreach.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Beyer, Chair

1997 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

| GENERAL FUND | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| | As of | Budget to | | |
| * | 12/31/97 | 12/31/97 | +/- | |
| Income | \$216,672.15 | | | |
| Expenses | \$212,619.44 | \$214,166.00 | (\$1,546.56) | |
| Deficit(-)/Surplus(+) | \$4,052.71 | | | |
| | | | * Increased Income: | |
| | | | Service Faire | \$7,000.00 |
| Franks on board | 12/21/07 | | Fun Fund Raisers | \$170.00 |
| Funds on hand | 12/31/97 | | Rentals | \$1,700.00 |
| Checking | \$19,793.41 | | Unpedged Env Revenue | \$1,920.00 |
| Money Market | \$6,518.68 | | Special Offerings | \$2,030. 00 |
| Total | \$26,312.09 | | Total | \$12,820.00 |
| Designated/Liabilities | \$37,181.96 | | | |
| Actual on hand | (\$10,869.87) | 1 | | |
| Reserve | \$20,668.29 | | | |
| Net Available | \$9,798.42 | | | |
| 1997 MISSION EXPENDITUR Budgeted | ES | | | |
| World Mission | s \$13,441.00 | | | |
| Local Mission | s \$2,424.00 | | | |
| Special Offerings | \$2,030.00 | | | |
| Good Samaritan | \$8,870.00 | | | |
| Tota | . , | | | |
| % of Total Expenditures | 12.59% | 1 | | |
| BUILDING\MEMORIAL | FUNDS | | | |
| | 12/31/97 | | | |
| Building Fund | \$8,281.93 | | Checking | \$574.57 |
| Capital Fund Drive '96 | (\$30,554.55) | | Money Market | \$10,901.30 |
| New Fellowship Bld | \$9,965.65 | | Certificate of Deposit | \$9.965.62 |

Total

Anchymous Loan

Net Available

\$21,441.49

(\$18,000.00)

\$3,441,49

\$1,495.85

(\$3,810.00)

\$18,062.61

Total \$3,441.49

Interest Received

Interest Paid
Other Memorials

AC/ETC FUND SUMMARY AS OF 12/31/97

| Summary By Year | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------|---------------|
| Income | \$38,838.56 | \$23,451.75 | | \$62,290.31 |
| Expenditures | (\$74,971.05) | (\$17,468.81) | | (\$92,439.86) |
| Interest Paid | | (\$3,555.33) | | (\$3,810.00) |
| | | | | |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| | | (Estimated) | | (Actual) |
| New Air Conditioning System | | \$74,971.05 | | \$75,092.49 |
| Paving Parking Lots (April 1997) | | \$16,600.00 | | \$16,347.37 |
| Tithe Projects: | | | | |
| Habitat for Humanity of Ala County | | \$5,000.00 | | |
| Seminary Scolarship Fund | | \$5,400.00 | | \$1,000.00 |
| Interest on loan | | \$6,000.00 | | \$3,810.00 |
| Total | | \$107,971.05 | | \$96,249.86 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Pledge Status | | | | |
| Pledged Income | \$104,900.00 | | | |
| Memorials Pledged (see below) | \$3,389,50 | | | |
| (355 251514) | \$0,000.00 | | | |

Total Available (Pledged+Memorials) \$108,289.50

| Pledges Received as of 12/31/97 | \$62,290.31 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Outstanding Pledged Income | \$42,609.69 |

| Memorials Pledged to AC/ETC | Account # | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Clemm | 855 | 1 \$205.00 |
| Schmidt | 855 | 2 \$650.00 |
| Ann Reynolds | 855 | 5 \$1,289.00 |
| Vickers | 856 | 0 \$673.00 |
| Woosley | 856 | 5 \$572.50 |
| | | |
| | Total | \$3,389.50 |

The fiscal year of Women's Fellowship begins in September. At the Annual General Meeting in September, the president, Katherine Floyd introduced the theme for the year 1997-98, "Voices of Vision" Our guest speaker was the Reverend Katrin Scherma, a seminary intern from the Evangelical Church of the Rhineland, who has been serving at Mt. Hope UCC in Guilford County this past year. During the business session a budget of \$2,737 was approved with \$500 for OCWM, \$700 for service projects, \$902 for educational projects including a camp scholarship, church youth support, child sponsorship in Nepal and ministerial scholarship \$300, and \$635 for fellowship and worship programs.

Present officers will serve until June 1998: President, Katherine Floyd, Vice-president, Roberta Starr, Treasurer, Sara Dodson, Secretary, Jackie Pendergrass. Circle Leaders are: Circle 1 Fran Hook, Circle 2 Beth Wilkins, and Circle 3 Page Edgerton/Melva Foster. Circles meet each month with a General Meeting each quarter.

The Mission Emphasis quarterly program was held on March 10, 1997 in the Parish House with a very informative program on "The Status of the Christian Faith in Hong Kong and China". Dr. Sterling Whitener and his wife Barbara, former missionaries to China, presented the program and a soup and salad luncheon followed.

The Annual June Dinner Meeting was held on June 2,1997. Dr. Raymond Hargrove, Director of Spiritual Life for Elon Homes for Children was our guest speaker. Circle meetings followed.

Our president represented the Women's Fellowship at Church Women of the Southern Conference Summer Conference held at Blackstone, Virginia. Katherine Floyd was recognized as CWSC Honored Laywoman and did represent the Southern Conference at General Synod in Columbus, Ohio. Jane Miller and Katherine Floyd attended ENC Fall Enrichment meeting in Franklinton, N.C. in September where Cile Welborn from Elon College Community Church was the featured speaker on mission programs in Brazi. Our president also attended the Southern Regional Meeting of UCC church women meeting in September at Blowing Rock Assembly Ground. The Rev. Women was the Bible Study Leader; the Rev. Loey Powell, newly elected Executive of the Coordinating Center for Women led in worship. The Rev. Steve Miller of the Hunger Action Center also presented.

Our members support Church Women United and attend Bible Study led by Dr. James Pace of Elon College in September, World Community Day in November, World Day of Prayer in March and May Fellowship Day. We help to support the Battered Women's Shelter and Little Andrew Day Nursery through this organization.

Our Women's Fellowship coordinates the "Christmas Cheer" project for our church with \$400 from our budget and individual contributions from church members. We sponsored 5 families last Christmas and provided them with food, new/used clothing and toys.

Our women also take part in preparing meals for the Homeless Shelter. meals for individual families when needed, send cards each month to our "shut-ins" and coordinate "Meals on Wheels" which Jackie and Cary Matlock deliver on a monthly basis. We supported Suicide Crisis Center Bake Sale.

Board of Missions 1997 Annual Report

The Mission Board is responsible for co-ordinating and promoting Mission offerings for the congregation. There are 15 mission projects and agencies in our current budget. This year the Board attempted to clarify the purpose of these agencies. Mary Ruth drafted a letter to the local ministries we support requesting information and financial statements. Most of them were very co-operative and we filed the information for reference in preparing future mission budgets.

Norma Watson co-ordinated the CROP-WALK held in Elon College along with the First Reformed U.C.C. The group raised \$2,000 to

help fight hunger locally and worldwide.

Several members of our board represented the church at the Elon Homes for Children Church night. Our Church recieved recognition for it's support of the Home. Two of our board members represented us at the annual dinnermeeting of Allied Churches.

In May we assisted the Lutheran Family Services of Greensboro in providing some of the basics needed to set a home for a refugee family. We appreciate the congregation's assistance with this project.

Our Board has been in contact with our SIM missionaries, Danny and Carla Hardesty, and recieved reports of their ministry in Bolivia. They are now home on furlough and we hope to have them in church one Sunday.

We have supported Arch in his Healing the Children trips and we wait to hear more about the trip involving Elon College

students and faculty.

Roberta Starr has co-ordinated our food pantry project. We continue to need staple foods for the pantry. Mary Ruth co-ordinated meals for the Homeless Shelter on the first Friday of each month. We appreciate everyone's contributions to this ongoing project.

The Board has also promoted several non-budgeted offerings this year; One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, Elon Homes for Children and the Christmas fund, Veterans of the Cross. These offerings depend upon your

generosity.

We are in the midst of a project to purchase blankets for distribution through Church World Services. The blankets cost \$5 dollars each. They will be given to people in disasters and in impoverished areas. The deadline for contributing to this project is January 13, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Barbee & Martin Shotzberger Co-chair persons Community Organizations who shared our Facilities in 1997 . . .

Alcoholics Anonymous
Ralph Scott Life Services
Elon College Classes
Grief Support Network
Parents of Troubled Teens Support Group
Boy Scouts of America
Cub Scouts

Girl Scouts of America Brownies 1083
United Way Regional Training
Kappa Alpha Fraternity of Elon College
Southern Conference Board of Directors
Board of Directors Piedmont Housing
Southern Conference Women
North Carolina Respite Coalition
Habitat for Humanity of Elon College
Roman Catholic Campus Ministries and Fellowship
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship of Elon College
Elon College Area Clergy
Hillcrest Elementary School Staff and Faculty

helping us to live out our Mission Statement . . .

Living Christ in Today's World!

ELON COLLEGE Office of Institutional Advancement

Annual Report of Endowments to Donors and Scholarship Contacts

As of May 31, 1997

Endowment/Scholarship Name:

Elon College Community Church Scholarship Fund

Ending Balance as of May 31, 1996

\$20,555.73

Contributions Received

\$0.00

Annual Interest

S860,72

TOTAL

\$860.72

Scholarship Assistance/ Endowment Support

\$1,000.00

Closing Balance as of May 31, 1997

S21.416.45

Elon College Community Church

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Annual Report 30 November 1997

The Board of Trustees has endeavored to discharge its responsibility of the church's physical property including the sanctuary/education building. Parish House, parsonage, and the church van. During 1997, the Trustees attended to a variety of routine maintenance and repairs such as plumbing repairs as needed. Such matters are to be expected with a physical plant of this size and these items will not be enumerated in this report. This report will highlight items not of a routine and on-going basis.

The work of the Trustees has been greatly assisted by the close supervision of the property by Biff Brafford and Harvey Hook. It is hard to imagine how we could have accomplished what we did this year without their attention to the building. The congregation of Earn College Community Church is indeed fortunate to have such two faithful servants who care deeply about this facility.

- The Trustees authorized the formation of a Task Force to develop fund-missing projects with Linda Raker serving as Chairperson. The Task Force proposed and hosed the first Service Faire. Approximately \$7,000.00 was raised toward the church budget.
- The church parking lot was paved. Striping in the old lot was donated by the company. HASCO, Inc.
- Matthew Woody built 5 picnic tables for the church as a project for his Eagle Scout Award.
- Mike Mayse donated cost of labor toward removal of helly bushes: Jeff Thandler, Chandler Plumbing donated equipment use and time toward removal of holly busies.
- Elon College contracted to use three classrooms in the education building for the fall semester
 due to increase in enrollment at the College. College provided housekeroing services and
 security for the use of the classrooms.
- Additional Handicapped Parking signs installed in both parking lots.
- Approved a policy for Parish House use by not-for-profit groups.
- Bill Linde and David Ruth spent many hours sanding and repainting the wrought iron mils in front of the sanctuary.
- Handrails for the ramp for the Parish House were replaced.
- An on-going concern not yet resolved is the matter of the safety of the payground equipment and the playground itself.

In the name of our Lord and Savior.

The Board of Trustees
Eric Allshouse, Jerry Dillashaw (Chair), Bill Ellis, Paul Fairfield, Brian Harper, Phoebe Harrison,
Bill Linde, David Ruth, Bobbie Scarlatta

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE Report for 1997

A committee on stewardship was activated in late October to consider and propose procedures for implementing the proposals of the Budget and Finance Committee for Calendar 1998. At the first meeting the Committee considered the proposed budget and the financial condition of the Church as explained by the Budget and Finance Committee members, the Church Treasurer and the Pastor, then discussed various methods followed by our Church in past years, and reached agreement on action believed to be best suited to our congregation.

Our hope was to broaden the base of financial support by increasing the number of those who pledge regular giving, believing as William Ford Nichols is reputed to have said, "We need to give, more than the Lord needs our gifts." And that is true even if, as our eminent church member, J. Earl Danieley, was once heard to suggest, the needs of our segment of the Body of Christ are also best served by such giving.

At a later meeting, our Committee composed a letter drafted by Martin Shotzberger utilizing the United Church of Christ Stewardship Theme for 1998, "Dear God ... Thanks". It was mailed to all members on or about November 1st with cards to be returned pledging personal involvement in Church programs of service and regular giving to defray the cost of such programs. We said in that letter that we would visit those who did not respond but the response was so good that at a later meeting we decided to follow up with another letter to those who did not respond. The response to that was also good and Pastor Aitcheson reported on Sunday, December 28th, that \$217,000. of our \$225,360. budget, approved by the Congregation that day, is now underwritten.

Our Committee is truly grateful to all who have pledged and to all who will give but have not pledged, as we believe that our responses reflect the love of God and of one another. We are aware that our work is not finished and any suggestions that might help us achieve underwriting the remaining \$8,000. of our budget will be received with gratitude.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
D. Marsh McLelland, Chairman
Sara Dodson, Martin Shotzberger,
Davis Turnage and Louis Wilkins

¹ The Interpreter's Bible, Abingdon Press, 1953 Vol II, p.426.

GRIEF SUPPORT NETWORK

Since its inception in May of 1993, the Grief Support Network has met on the third Sunday of each month at the Elon College Community Church to provide comfort and support to bereaved parents and siblings of Alamance County and the surrounding area. Hardly a month goes by that a local family is not affected by the loss of a child. While it is unfortunate to say that the Grief Support Network is growing, it is comforting to know that the Network is reaching out to many bereaved families to provide support and assistance. There is an automatic bond of understanding and comfort among parents who know the devastation and ultimate sorrow of losing a child. Currently, there are approximately fifteen families and one widower actively involved with approximately 35 other individuals or families, including one in Oswego. New York, on the mailing list. All receive a monthly newsletter published by me, and thankfully mailed by our church. Members of the group draw strength from the newsletter, and from each other through the encouragement that comes from sharing a simple meal, experiences, and feelings each month. This past year, we have been blessed by the volunteer time given by a local elementaryschool counselor who comes to the monthly meetings to work with the bereaved siblings while the adults are having a discussion time.

The Support Network held its fourth "Service of Remembrance" on March 16, 1997, in our sanctuary. As with our past services, an open invitation was given to any family in our community to remember a child who has died. A candle was lit for over forty children who were remembered to symbolize the light that child brought into the world. Due to her daughter's premature birth, our planned speaker, a mother who had previously lost two children, was unable at the last minute to attend the service. Special thanks goes to Arch Aitcheson for filling in for her, and for the special message he offered to those in attendance. Following the "Service of Remembrance", a covered dish dinner was held in the Parish House, and much time was given to talking and sharing for those attending

While the Support Network continues to provide encouragement to those participating, another facet of the group has been evolving. That is, to educate other members of the community about grief and its continuing effect on our lives. Robin Woody, Arch Aitcheson, Becky Peeler, and I have been working for almost the past two years as board members of a special task force to develop a resource center and offer support for any member of the community who has or is facing grief. The results have culminated in *Circle of Care, Jamilies in Grief*. This agency is currently located in a room at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter, and is a resource center where education, support, and respite are provided. Our future dream is to move to a more centralized, larger area. As members of the Network are well aware, "Grief is not a destination, but a journey." The Network continues its support to the grieving, and gives an open invitation to anyone in the community to join us on the third Sunday of each month at 5:00 P.M.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH HISTORIAN - 1997 BY WILLIAM J. ANDES DECEMBER, 1997

Introduction

Each Sunday's church bulletin in 1997 carried this statement: Elon College Community Church is a congregation of the United Church of Christ. For over one hundred years, the congregation has sought to live out the mission of the Gospel in the community and beyond. The Mission Statement, "Living Christ in Today's World!", expresses the caring ministry to friend and stranger.

How do we do this? Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind... and love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matthew 22: 37-39). The Book of Worship of the United Church of Christ has a question for those joining the church: "Do you promise, by the Grace of God, to be Christ's desciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as you are able?" We, the members and friends of Elon College Community Church do have services of worship, Christian Education activities, fellowship groups, committees on mission and social justice- we do reach out to help those in need. What have we, as a church, done in 1997?

<u>January:</u> Observed Epiphany, noting our mission to the whole world. Had annual meeting and installed church officers and leaders. Ordained another woman as deacon- not long ago, no woman could be deacons in our church. Mark McAdams honored on his birthday. Heather Dillashaw began her studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School to prepare for the Christian Ministry.

February: Observed Scout Sunday for Cub Scouts Pack 51 and Boy Scouts Troop 51. For over thirty years scouting has been a part of the Youth Program of our church. Lenten study: "Life of the Beloved" and "Can You Drink the Cup" by Henri Novwen. Catholic Mass and Catholic Fellowship in church facilities. Gospel Choir of Elon College held Gospel Extravaganza. Caroline Powell honored on her birthday. Youth Fellowship had a Valentine's Day dinner to support Habitat for Humanity.

March: "Holy Week" brought us much soul-searching. War, forgiveness, a new day and a new way from all dark worldly sadness to Easter gladness- "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!" writes the Pastor, Arch Aitcheson. Webbs Den of Pack 51 collected over 300 cans of food for the Church's pantry and Good Shepherd Kitchen. The church formed a "Pastor Parish Relations" Committee. Board of Evangelism is responsible for the Bread Ministry of the Church- a fresh loaf of homemade bread is delivered along with a letter from the Pastor to prospective members. Mr. & Mrs. Sterling Weiner, former missionaries to China, spoke to the Women's Fellowship. Fourth Annual Candlelight Service of Remembrance was held to remember children who have died and to offer surviving families a time of prayer and remembrance.

April: Church Council, following the congregational vote in December, instructed the Trustees to look for ways to raise money to supplement the church budget which was approximately \$22,000 short of what was needed. The Fund Raising Committee was named: Linda Raker, Ann Vickers, Doris Bradford, Sara Dodson, Brian Harper, Ken Bensen, and Ralph Jourdan. Crop Walk was held April 13, 1997. Youth Fellowship adopted a "Grandparents Day" and visited Twin Lakes. Board of Christian Education hosted an appreciation breakfast June 21 for Church School teachers. Board of Trustees awarded the first scholarship grant of \$1,000 from the A/C ETC Fund to Heather Dillashaw at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

May: First annual Service Faire was held May 31 to raise funds to supplement budget. Youth Fellowship presented L Grande Chateau, an evening of dining and entertainment, to raise funds for their summer trip. Various groups in the church provided meal and help on the first Friday of each month at Allied

Church' Emergency Night Shelter. Nathan Gill, John Heinzerling, Sarah Hemphill, Tara McKenna, and Matthew Woody were inducted by Western Alamance High School into the National Honor Society. The gravel parking lots were paved and striping made. Twelve handicap parking spaces provided. Matthew Woody constructed five picnic tables as part of his Eagle Scout work. Heather Dillashaw preached on the subject "Here am I, send me" as she prepared to leave for Vanderbilt Divinity School.

June and July: Ruth Hurst, a member now living in California, writes that she is 96 years old and appreciates cards, letters, prayers, etc. Graduates from high school and college were recognized. Summer Conference for Church Women of the Southern Conference met June 16-18 in Blackstone, Va. Vacation Bible School, called "Wild Frontier Bible Theme Park" was held June 23-27. Beverly Beyer left for Bulgaria for a two-year term with the Peace Corp. A concert on the church lawn held July 19 when Brad Linde and the Velveteen Rabbi performed.

<u>August:</u> Trustees voted to repair down-spouting and drains. The first annual Service Faire was a success, \$7,000 plus. Football Sunday, August 17, paired families with football players and staff from Elon College. Promotion Sunday was August 24 and September 28 was Rally Day. Stephens Ministers trained and ready to serve as Care-givers and compassionate listeners to those needing Christian care.

September: Board of Christian Education invited the entire church to take a bold step into the future to participate in soul nourishment by making a new commitment to Christian Education. Christian Education is the core of all that we do in worship, mission, evangelism and more. Katherine Floyd was named by the Church Women of the Southern Conference as their 1997 Woman of the Year. She also was honored at the last General Synod of the United Church. She is the Moderator of the Elon College Community Church for 1998. Special Fridays involves children with "Downs Syndrome" and their parents. Needed are adult church members who can help with this program. We are greatful for the Chancel Choirs and Chancel Bell Ringers. Family Weekend for college students and families, September 21, brought together 473 people. Music was provided by the Gospel Choir of Elon College and our Chancel Choir. Volunteers are needed to work with Terrific Thursdays children's program.

October: Confirmation classes began October 5. Homecoming was October 12. Girl Scouts meet on Monday nights. Young people sold Christmas ornaments to support their Mission Work Project. Their officers are: President, Lydia Troxler; Vice President, Matthew Woody; Secretary, Katy Grosse; Fund Raiser/Treasurer, Meg Wilkins; Historian, Jeff Wilkins; Youth Advisor, Leslie Denny.

November: We have a great music team: Betty Dillashaw, pianist; Richard Neubauer, organist; and Liz Aitcheson, choir director. Exam bags were delivered to Elon College students during exam time.

<u>December:</u> Groups provided Christmas Cheer. Love Feast, December 7, made possible by college students. On December 28, the church adopted the 1998 Church budget and elected officers and boards. The church celebrated Christmas with many worship services and ministries to others. Beth Schmidt was elected mayor of the Town of Elon College. Phoebe Harrison and Dickie Keziah, Jr., were elected as town alderman. Nell Snyder was honored for her 20 years on the town council.

Submitted By: Bill Andes

Nominating Committee Report Elon College Community Church Leadership 1998

Moderator: Katherine Floyd Building Fund Secretary (1998): Roberta Starr

Moderator Elect: Jim Lyon

Treasurer: Bill Beyer (1998) Historian: Bill Andes, Pastor Emeritus

Assistant Treas: Ann Acquilano (1998) Photographer: Mike Mayse

Secretary: Jimma Causey

Board of Deacons:

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Verona Danieley Wilma Williamson Lynn Demny

Board of Trustees:

1998 1999 **2000**

Eric Allshouse Paul Fairfield Jeff Neubauer
Phoebe Harrison David Ruth Rollin Heinzerling
Lawr Dillack and David Ruth Richard Organith

Jerry Dillashaw Brian Harper Richard Orsvath

Board of Christian Education:

1998 1999
Melodie Allshouse Robin Gregory J.R. Heinzerling

Richard Rinker Suzanne Shipley Leslie Demy

Laura Chatfield Lydia Troxler

Board of Missions:

1998 1999 2000

Carol Heinzerling Wally Snyder Jane Alexander
Martin Shotzberger Mary Ruth Helen Rippy

David Townson

David Turnage Lee Ann Long Al Carpenter

Board of Evangelism:

1998 1999 2000

Shirley Beyer Patsy Jourdan Olga Griswold
Earl Danieley Kim Perry Liz Bensea
Mike Gregory* Christy Ruth Linda Vog

Building Supervisor: Biff Brafford (1996) (1997) (1998)

Assistant Building Supervisor: Harvey Hook (1996) (1997)(1998)

Public Relations Coordinator: Cindy Benson (1997)(1998)

Boy Scout Committee: Class of 1998

Class of 1998 Class of 1999 Jim Brown Bill Rippy

Rollin Heinzerling Suzanne Shipley

George Troxler

Delegates to the Eastern NC Association UCC:

1998 (3) 1998 Alternates: (2)

1.Emmett Floyd 1.Mary Ruth 2.Katherine Floyd 2.Bill Ruth

3. Martin Shotzberger

Delegates to the Southern Conference UCC:

1998 1998 Alternates: (2)

1. Bill Rippy 1. Dick Rinker 2. Helen Rippy 2. Beth Scmidt

3.Ray Harclerode

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE (To be nominated by Nominating Committee)

Pastor Parish Relations:

1998

Verona Danieley (Deacon) Katherine Floyd (Council Chair 1998)

Laura Chatfield (CE) (Trustee) Paul Fairfield

Bill Blanchard 1997 Council Chair (Evangelism Board Member) Mike Gregory

COUNCIL COMMITTEES: (To Be Chosen by the Church Council)

Budget & Finance Committee:

1998 1999 (2)

Beth Schmidt (Deacons) (Trustee):
Dick Rinker (CE) (Evangelism):

Martin Shotzberger (Missions)

Personnel Committee: Stewardship Committee:

1998 1999 (2) 1998 1999

Bobbie Scarlatta (Trustees)

Melodie Allshouse(CE)

Dave Turnage

Louis Wilkins

EmmettFloyd

Nominating Committee:

1998 1999(3) Pastor is Chair

Carol Heinzerling
Gayland Welborn

CUB SCOUT PACK 51

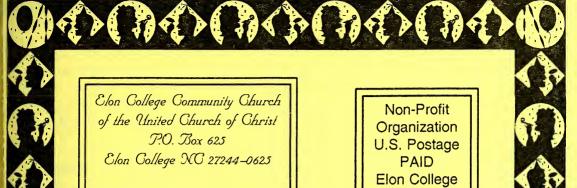
Fifty-two boys: five Tiger Cubs (first graders), thirty-one Cubs (second and third graders) and sixteen Webelos (fourth and fifth graders) are members of the church's cub scout pack. Twenty-two adults provide leadership for the seven dens which meet each Monday night. These are den leaders Marty and Jill Baker, Susan Harrington, Gwynne Warren, Andy Meredith, Michael Susat, Sid Holt, John Smith, Mary Kaczor, Tim Pyrant, Mary and David Ward, Roland Stewart, Charles Jordan, Yancey Tickle, and Drew Neill, and assistant cubmasters Junior Bare, Mary Ann Johnson and Alton Trott. Please join me in thanking them for sharing their time and talents.

In March and April eight Webelos received the Arrow of Light which is the highest award in Cub Scouting. We again exceeded the national standards for rank advancement, and for the percent of our Cubs who participate in the summertime programs. Eight Cubs attended Cub Day Camp for one week in June and most of our Webelos along with five leaders attended Webelos Resident Camp at Camp Cherokee or Camp Raven Knob in August. Our pack received the National Summertime Pack Award and the Honor Unit Award in 1997.

Some highlights of our program this year have been our Pack's Spring camping trip to Woodfield Scout Preservation in Randolph County. We had 98 people from our pack camping together (not counting family members under the age of six). Junior Bare and his crew cooked dinner and breakfast for all those hungry folks. This summer we visited the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer and had a pack picnic and hiking trip to Fairy Stone State Park in Stuart, Virginia. In August we had a well attended swimming party and hot dog supper at the Racquet Club. Last May the cubs participated in a bike safety program, bike inspection and bike rodeo. Our annual fund raiser, the pack's Father and Son Cake Sale in November provided some unusual and creative cakes and was a lot of fun for everyone. At our December Pack meeting each boy received a "space derby kit". At our January meeting the rocket ships which the boys build will be judged for design and creativity, and the builders will race their rockets which are propelled by rubber band motors.

We have had a great year! We appreciate the continued support of our pack committee members: Jim Brown, chairman; Henry Buckner; Charles Lisum; Mark McAdams and Mack Scott.

George Troxler Cubmaster



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Newsletter for:



The Jorch Vol. 1 January 1998 Epiphany

From the Pastor . . .

EPIPHANY LIGHTS

ASTROLOGICAL VISITATION,
MOST AMAZING STELLAR PROJECTION
SUMMONING ASTROLOGERS THREE
OF GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSITY
TO VISIT THE RAW HUMAN EMOTION
OF BIRTH'S POVERTY,
SHOW THEM THE LIGHT
OF THE EPIPHANY
BRIGHTER THAN HEAVENLY SUNS
IN THE CRIES OF GOD'S SON!



EXPANDING VISION,
MOST AWESOME FAITH INTERVENTION
SUMMONING HUMAN HEARTS ENMASSE
OF WORLDLY INIQUITIES
TO VISIT NAKED SPIRITUAL SALVATION
OF BIRTH'S PROMISE,
SHOW US THE LIGHT
OF THE EPIPHANY
FREER THAN EARTHLY PERCEPTIONS
IN THE LIFE OF YOUR SON!

GENTLE SPIRIT,
MOST DISTURBING CONSCIENCE TRANSITION
SUMMONING SEEKING SOULS FREE
OF EVERY HUMAN DIVERSITY
TO VISIT HOPES ETERNAL FRUITION
OF BIRTH'S ASSURANCE,
SHOW EACH ONE THE LIGHT
OF THE EPIPHANY
SURER THAN WORLDLY CONDITIONS
IN THE LOVE OF THE SON!



EPIPHANY LIGHT . . .

And Jesus offers us New Year's direction.
"Let Your Light so shine that all may see!"

Blessings in 1998!

Love, Alas



From Becky's Desk....

Some years ago, I had a young man in my youth group who came by my apartment frequently. Sometimes he came on Saturdays, or on a summer day, or late at night before he went home from a date or out with his friends. Always, he would take his shoes off, take his keys from his pocket, lay his wallet on the coffee table and lie on the floor. He would say, 'I'm making myself at home."

As I write this, I am anticipating going home for Christmas. I have discovered that "home" has become wherever my brother and his family happen to be in ministry. This year "home" will be in a different place than last year, but we will be together as family. There is a part of me that always dwells with them and I am "at home".

There is also a part of me that dwells here in this Christian community, and I am home. As we enter into the season of Epiphany, I am reminded of what Church is for me. Epiphany is the season which is symbolized by Maglicoming, searching for the Messiah to the whole world; where the borning of God buts forth into our lives like fireworks in the snow; and we are on our knees looking for that feeling of being at home." Christ has come into the world; the Light has broken through the darkness and we are called to mission and ministry as the Church.

Ann Weems writes: "We are family; we are community. We are the church triumphant--you, me, anyone who would come unto the Lord - renewed, redirected,

empowered to change things and lives together in love and wholeness. We are the Lord's church, the church of justice and mercy; the people sent to open prisons, to heal the sick, to clothe the naked, to feed the hungry, to reconcile, to be alleluias where there is no music. The mantle is upon our shoulders. Joy is apparent in our living. We have been commissioned to be the church of Jesus Christ."

May we all remember the Christ has come into the world and the Darkness can not put the Christ out. In this New Year, may we be the Light in Someone's world and help to bring them "home".

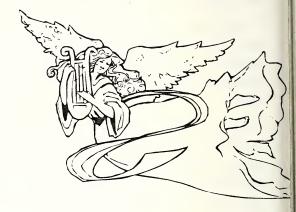
In Christ, Becker

The Night The Angel's Sang

I wonder what the Angel's thought, That night, while they were singing. Who wrote the angelic words they sang To the news that they were bringing?

Was it Gabriel who had to choose The members of that choir, And assess the talent of that host, And did they, too, aspire

To voice the sweetest melody To match that lovely morn, And bring the treasured message, That Bethleham's babe was born?



W.D.E. December, 1997

This little Christmas message is written to honor Liz, Betty, and Richard, and the choir of Elon College Community Church.

Affectionately,
Bill Ellis



Sympathy to Ralph Oxford in death of his siste Mrs. Mabel Oxford Shachelford in November.

Sympathy to the family of Mrs. Rena W. Underwood in her death on December 15, 1997. She is the mother of Mrs. Betty Blanchard.



Youth Fellowship ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Feb. 12, 1998 Bring a Friend, a group of Friends, or Your Best Friend

SEATINGS: 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM BY RESERVATION ONLY

Call 584-0391 by FEB.5, 1998 COST: \$8.00 PER PERSON

| This event is sponsored by ou | r Youth. | The proceeds | to benefit |
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| Habitat for Humanity an | d the You | uth Mission Pi | roject. |

| Name : | |
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| Seating Preference: 5:30 pm | 7:00 pm |
| Childcare Needed: Yes: | No: |

YOUTH NEWS...

Due to the holidays, our winter/spring calendar has not been planned. Hope to see everyone on Jan. 4 at 6:00 pm for a short video on Carolina Cross Connection and perhaps some planning.

SKI TRIP REGISTRATION WILL HAPPEN ON JAN. 4TH.

See you on the 4th!

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER....

Parents, Please help us with our Valentine's Dinner!
We will need the following items: Card tables, table cloths, red candles & holders, Valentine napkins

Your help to prepare meal and help with clean up will be needed.

ENCOURAGE YOUR

YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE

READY TO SKI?

SKI TRIP DATE - FEB. 7, 1998

Sign up is Jan. 4, 1998

Cost: Half day - \$27.00 Lift Fee

12:30-4:30 pm -\$10.00 Rental

-\$ 12.00 Lesson

Twilight - \$35.00 Lift Fee

12:30 - 10:00 pm - \$12.00 Rental

\$12.00 Lesson

Lessons are a MUST for first time skiers!



Dear Arch, Becky, & Church Family,

Greetings from Nashville! My apologies for so little communication this semester. All of a sudden it's almost Thanksgiving and time has flown by since I was in Elon in August for a few days. We have a few days off from classes this week due to Thanksgiving, so I wanted to send a note saying I'm thinking of all of you.

The semester is winding down here, which means the workload only increases! Not many spare moments these days, that's for sure. This school year I am doing a field education placement as a campus minister interm here at Vanderbuilt with an undergraduate fellowship group. The opportunities I've had with this placement have been wonderful— I really love campus

ministry.

Classes have kept me busy as always. I believe I was a little too ambitious with my workload this semester, so I will be taking fewer hours for the remainder of my time at Vanderbuilt. This semester has been just a little crazier than usual so I've decided to give myself a little more breathing room from here on out! That will also give me more time and energy to concentrate on my field education placements, so I am looking foward to that.

Final exams end for me on the 18th of December. My plan is to be in Elon on the 20th and will stay through the 30th. I hope to be able to be involved in worship with all of you for Christmas! Many hopes that Thanksgiving was a blessed and peaceful time for all of you. I look foward to being at home with my Church family at Elon very soon! Please know I love you all very much and think of you often!!

Much Love, Heather Dillashaw

Dear Members & Friends of Elon Community Church,

Thank you all very much for the considerate Exam Emergency Kit!! I really appreciate it... and promise to use it while I study. I hope every single one of you has a terrific Christmas and a Happy New Year! I miss everyone & hope to see you soon! Thanks again! God Bless All of You!

Love,
Tara L. McKenna

Dear Rev. Arch Altcheson,

Thank you very much for the invitation to attend the Homecoming services and celebration for the Elon College Community Church on October 12th.

Leonidas and I both regretted that we could not be there

to be with all of you and those who returned.

Elon College Community Church has a wonderful background in it's history and an even more wonderful group of members as time goes on.

We feel blest that we were a part of you, as we enjoyed

the years spent with your members.

Thank you for sending me the beautiful program and the certificate of service.

I do wish I had been able to serve the church for fifty

years, as many of your members have.

In memory of your fiftieth anniversary celebration, Leonidas and I are sending an enclosure which may be used in any way desired. With it comes our wish for many more happy years for Elon College Community Church and it's members.

Sincerely, and with love to all,

Helen Barney Smith

Mrs. E. Leonidas Smith 2891 Monticello Drive Winston Salem, NC

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Dear Church Members,

Thank you so much for the Exam Kit. It was so nice to be thought of, and all of the things in it were great to have during exams. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. I hope that all of you have a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely, Emily Johnson

Dear Special Friday Friends,

Again this year, our sincere thanks to all of you for sharing your time and love with our family. Words cannot express how much this means to us. John and Matt look foward to their night at the church.

Wishing all, a wonderful Christmas!!!

Love, Anne, Scott, John, & Matt

| 9:45 Sunday School 11 AM Worship ANNUAL MTG SUNDAY Souper Bowl Sun. 5:30 Chancel Bells 6:30 Mass | 9:45 Sunday Sch. 11 AM Worship 5 PM Grief Support 5:30 Chancel Bells 6 PM Youth 6:30 PM Mass | Confirmation 5:30 Chancel Bells 6:30 Church Nite 6:30 Mass |
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| 26 7 PM Cub Pack Mtg. Girl Scouts 7 PM Stephen Min. Supervision Ciroup 27 10:30 AM Staff Mtg Noon: Lunch Bunch 3:30 Parent Support | 19 Schools &Church Office Closed Martin Luther King ,Jr. Day | Scouts |
| 27 10:30 AM Staff Mtg Noon: Lunch Bunch 7:30 Parent Support Group | 20 10:30 Staff Mtg. 7:30 PM Parent Support Group | Support Group |
| 28 7 PM Chancel Choir 8 PM A.A. (Pastor's Day Off) | 4:30 Catholic Fellowship 7 PM Chancel Choir 8 PM A.A (Pastor's Day Off). | (Pastor's Day Off) |
| 29 7:30 AM Breakfast Bible Study 4 PM Terrific Thursdays & Bells | 7:30 AM Breaklast Bible Study Staff Conference Winston Salem 7 PM Burlington Area UCC Men Union Ridge Ch. | Thursdays & Bells |
| Have you told someone that you love them today? (DCE's Day Off) | 23 (DCE's Lay Off) | (DCE's Day Off) |
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at least three item



7:30 Shelter Meal (Office Closed)

4PM Cub Leaders

6 PM Youth

7:30 PM Circle 2

(Pastor on Retreat) (Pastor on Retreat) (Pastor on Retreat)

8 PM A.A.

Scouts

COMMUNION

7 PM Cub/ Girl

9:45 Sunday Sch.

10:30 Circle 1

7:30 PM Circle 3 10:30 Staff Mtg.

7 PM Chancel

Choir

Fellowship

4:30 Catholic

No Breakfast Club No Terrific Thursdays

11 AM Worship

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SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

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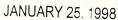
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Stephen Ministers Wanted for Elon College Community Church New Class Begins in February 1998

Your special gifts and abilities make you a candidate for Stephen's Miister Training- a lay program in one-to-one caring ministry.

Reward:

The priceless joy of caring for others in time of need.

The priceless worth of personal understandings and growth.

We need men, men, men, and women to join the Stephen Ministry Team here at ECCC. It is a meaningful way for our church to use more freely our many talents in sharing one another's burdens and joys!

Question:

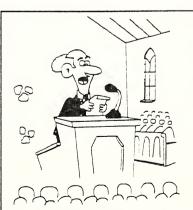
"Are other people as scared as I seem to be about this undertaking?"

Answer:

Probably so, I was! But training will eliminate much of this fear because you will not only learn "what to say" but most important, "how to listen."

Please contact the pastor, or one of the Stephen Leaders to sign up and ask questions-We Need You!!!

Your Stephen Ministry Leaders
Arch Aitcheson
Becky Peeler
Beth Schmidt
Beth Wilkins



"The Youth Group will be holding a bake sale to raise money for their leader's ulcer medication." You are cordially invited to the Alamance County
16th Annual
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birthday Celebration Program
Sunday, January 18, 1998, 7:00 p.m.
Williams High School Auditorium
1307 South Church Street
Burlington, NC
Music starts at 6:45 p.m.
Our speaker will be:
The Honorable Henry E. Frye,
Associate Justice,
NC Supreme Court
Free and open to the public

Celebration Breakfast

Monday, January 19, 1998, 9:00 a.m.
Occasions, 286 E. Front Street
Burlington NC
Speaker - Ms. Carol Andrews, Anchor, FOX8 News
Donation - \$10.00 per person
Call 584-9138 for ticket information
Please make reservation by January 14

FOOD CLOSET NEWS....

As the New Year begins and the winter season gets in full swing, please help replenish the food closet with the

following NEEDED items:

Spaghetti

Pasta Sauce

Macaroni

Fruit Juice

Non-fat Dry Milk

Cereal

Canned Meats: Tuna

Salmon

Beef Stew

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

Soups: Vegetable, Tomato, Chicken Noodle

Sugar

Flour

Cornmeal

Rice







Christmas 1997



To all my dear friends and relatives

This year has been marked by three significant events in my life:

The 96th anniversary of my birth,
The family gatherings at Jim and Nan's,
And last but not least, a glorious month spent
at Gardner Lake in East Machias, Maine, the
first time I have returned there since 1988!
Doesn't the picture on the front of the card
tell you what a wonderful time I had?!!

As the season approaches when we celebrate the birth of a small boy who changed the world so many years ago, we also remember that each child who comes into the world has the capacity to change it. I believe that each of us is still that child no matter what our age may be.

I pray that the child in each one of you may bring Peace and Happiness to you and those you love throughout the holiday season and throughout the coming year.

A joyous Christmas to you all!!

Love,

Ruth Hurst

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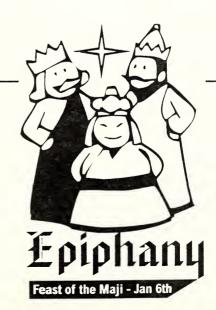
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Office of Executive Vice President Sixth Floor Tel: (216) 736-3803 Fax: (216) 736-3807 Tel: (216) 736-3881 Fax: (216) 736-3883

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Division of Evangelism and Local Church Development Tel: (216) 736-3826 Fax: (216) 736-3823 Dear Pastor:

December 8, 1997

"Amistad" is a word and a story inseparable from the life and witness of the United Church of Christ. This week, under the direction of Steven Spielberg, a motion picture of epic proportions titled "Amistad" will be released at theaters throughout the land.

This Hollywood film, based on historical data and interpreted through the creative use of fiction, tells the courageous story of the fifty three Mendi captives from Sierra Leone who rebelled on the slave ship Amistad in 1839.

You know the basic story and the role played in it by the Mendi People, African American and European American abolitionists from the Northeast, and John Quincy Adams, a Congregationalist and former President of the nation, who successfully defended the Mendi People before the United States Supreme Court in 1841.

Out of the crucible of this breathtaking story of liberation, the abolitionists arranged for the safe passage of the Mendi People back to their homeland. The abolitionists, most of whom were active church members, then formed the American Missionary Association in 1846 to eradicate "caste (racism) and class" from society.

The AMA established over 500 schools for African and Native Americans and more than 200 local churches. It published anti-slavery literature, founded Ryder Memorial Hospital in Puerto Rico, and opposed "unrequited labor" as an economic cancer in the body of the nation.

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries is the legal and historical successor of the American Missionary Association. The full scope of the AMA's diverse ministries are continued today in the three program Divisions of the UCBHM and the work of my Office.

Although I have not yet had an opportunity to view "Amistad," I have asked two trusted colleagues who saw a special premiere of the film last Friday in New Orleans to share their reflections with you.

I encourage you and members of your congregation to make the public release of "Amistad" an opportunity for the United Church of Christ, and hopefully, our nation, to be touched and transformed by this historic triumph of justice over the power of white racism.

Your brother in Christ,

Thomas E. Diph

Thomas E. Dipko Executive Vice President

Encl.: Materials are enclosed for your use.



TRUSTEE TORCH TINTINNABULATION Reported by Bill Ellis

The Board of Trustee: Meeting of 14 December, 1997, dealt with a number of majoritems, as follows:

1. The Board closed down the Parish House until further notice because of a major breakdown in the buildings heating system. Pursuant to this situation, Building Superintendents, Biff Braffird and Harvey Hook, reported the results of their inspection of the problems, which related mainly to to the heat exchanger component on the unit.

They then led a discussion of the requirements needed, covering the new types of heatexchangers, piping, and the modification of duct work. They reported that they would contact RAHCO AIR for more information on repair installation of a new unit, and then seek and receive bids on corrective work to be passed on to the Board of Trustees for further action.

- 2. Another major item discussed was the painting of the exterior of the Church buildings and the Board voted to accept the bid of Firmmy Holmes, painting contractor, for this work to be done in the spring in warmer weather. It was nated that there were funds in the Building Fund to help pay for this urgently needed upkeep item.
- 3. Board Member David Ruth reported that his father Bill Ruth would agree to allocate the memorial funds in Mr. Ruth's parents mames toward the installation of a new door at the side of the Narthex. David would be willing to add additional funds to help with this project. The Board appreciates this fine gesture. Contractors and tids will be sought for this project.
- 4. A vote was taken expressing the Board's appreciation to Phoebe Harrison for providing and coordinating the Shelter Metal on 5 December.
- 5. Finally, the Board elected Eric Allshouse as the chair for 1998 and David Ruth as the Vice Chair.



Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services Flowers for January

04 Dr. & Mrs. Emmett Floyd

11 Ms. Ruth Dunn

18 Mrs. Mary Shaw Cunningham

25 Mrs. Venita Edwards

Ushers for January

04 Earl Parker, Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley 11 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Tommy Oakley, Stan Willard

18 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath

25 Dick Rinker, George Troxler, Bill Linde

Acolytes for January

04 Nicole Williamson/David Brown

11 Jeff Wilkins/Leigh Ann Denny

18 Derrick Horner/Jessica Horner

25 Miranda Rich/Megan Brown

Nursery for January

04 Maxine Rich/Miranda Rich

11 Olga Griswald/Cile Welborn

18 Eric & Melodie Allshouse

25 George & Carol Oakley

Second Hour Child Care

for January

04 Lynn & Leslie Denny

11 Helen & Bill Rippy 18 Sue Brown & Lydia Troxler

25 Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley

Church Attendance for

November

Nov.23- 187 Nov.30- 199

Dec.07- 140

Moravian Love Feast-309

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Congradulations!!

To Mr. & Mrs. John Barbee for the birth of twin sons, William Bradshaw Barbee, and Bryan McDevitt Barbee. They were born De 11, 1997. They will be called Brad & Bryan These twins are the grandsons of Bill and Susan Barbee.

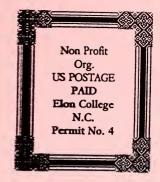
Susan Barbee would also like to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns during her illness.

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THE TORCH February 1998 Vol. 2

Church Newsletter for:







From the Pastor . . .

"And the greatest of these is Love . . . " I Cor. 13

Words of Love

The words are spoken over and over again;
Their intent is often so confusing when
Poured out with tender compassion's pain
Or spoken without emotion seeking gain.

"I love you."



"Living Christ in Today's World!"

Youthful enthusiasm pours out the heart's glee Expressing the bliss of a new love's realities: Caution conditions the phrase of the message Tempered by thoughtful search and dreamy visage.

"I love you."

The message can bring affirmation unconditional Touching the other's soul by those words traditional: It may be a warning of impending power or control Enveloping another into a possessive strangle-hold!

"I love you!"

Accompanied by the music of flowers and gifts,
These sacred words bring the broken spiritual lift;
Spoken in the midst of tragedy's terrifying face,
They may bring hope for security or forgiving grace.
"I love you."

But the greatest definition of this verbal trinity Of three words spoken in deepest humility, Comes in arms stretched-out on a cross of strife Offering us God's holy assurance of eternal life -"I AM loves you!"

So, speak the words, prayerfully and in gentleness
As a sign of your commitment and faithfulness
Serving the One who loves you in genuine ways
Challenging you to speak truthfully every blessed day:
"I love you."

YOUTH NEWS....

KI TRIP REMINDER....

Please meet at the church on Feb. 7 at 7:15 1/2 am. We plan to return to the church by :00 am. Please be picked up at that time.

OON'T FORGET THOSE PERMISSION FORMS!!



outh ellowship will neet Feb. 15 at :00 pm. VALENTINE'S DINNER DATES

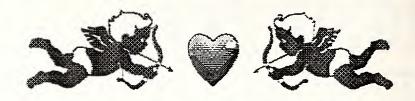
Feb. 8: All food items, card tables, candle holders, need to be brought to church. This is especially important, since the ZITI will be made by Chefs Arch & Becky on Feb. 9.

Feb. 11: Come at 7:00 pm to set up & decorate Parish House.

Feb. 12: Come to Parish House immediately after school or as soon as you can get here to finish meal and other preparations.

Let's make this year's dinner the best ever.





Youth Fellowship ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Feb. 12, 1998 Bring a Friend, a group of Friends, or Your Best Friend

SEATINGS: 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM BY RESERVATION ONLY

Call 584-0391 by FEB.5, 1998 COST: \$8.00 PER PERSON

| This event is sponsored by our Youth. The proceeds to ben Habitat for Humanity and the Youth Mission Project. | | |
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| Name : | | |
| No.: | | |
| Seating Preference: 5:30 pm | 7:00 pm | |
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No:

Childcare Needed: Yes:

Congratulations to
Reverend and Mrs. Thomas
Sutton
who celebrated their
60th Wedding Anniversary
on December 28th, 1997
with friends and family!



I would like to say thank you for the card I recieved at Christmas. It was very of everyone to think of me during the Holidays. I greatly appreciate all of the gifts. I would like to say thanks for the kindness and warmth everyone has showed me since been here! I really enjoy working for this church family.

Thank You so very much for everything!!!!

Sincerely, Elizabeth Langley

Thank You!

astor Arch and the Church,

Thank you very much for letting us use the church facilities for our spaghettier! This has been an annual tradition that we would love to keep. Thank you for othing!!

CEC Chapter of Habitat for Humanity

A story from your Global Wlinistries.

.. one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." (Rom. 12:5, NRSV)

A BEAUTIFUL BODY

Diane Wicks is a community outreach pastor at St. George's Church in Johannesburg, South Africa. The church reaches out to the homeless and unemployed with programs such as a Friday night soup kitchen and support group, entrepreneurial ventures like recycling, and a weekly inner healing workshop. A newspaper Diane initiated three years ago, Homeless Talk (written and sold by the homeless) now has a distribution of 28,000 a month.

The church held a memorial service for one of their members, Gilbert, last September. A Ugandan, Gilbert died from tuberculosis. Since he had no medical insurance, but especially because he was not a citizen, the hospitals were "not very welcoming," Diane reported. "Even South Africans who can't pay are treated very badly, but with 'foreigners' it is worse."

At Gilbert's memorial, congregants shared their feelings about his life and death. As it happened there was a British television crew nearby at the same time filming a story on the hostile treatment of foreigners (from Africa) in South Africa. In the midst of so much xenophobia, Diane said, "That Sunday reminded me of what a special place St. George's is. Of the people who shared their remembrances of this Ugandan, one was from Zambia, two from Cameroon, two from South Africa, one from the U.S. Each person in their own way recognized our sense of belonging, of connection -- across race and class and language and culture. What a beautiful body of Christ we inade inat day."

You make the difference . .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregation make possible the work and witness of GLOBAL MINISTRIES, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

G**lobal** ministries

February 1998

Adopt A Room Project 1998

The Board of Trustees offer a challenge to individuals, couples, families, neighborhoods, classes and the like to ADOPT a room or Hallway in our Education Building for 1998.

You (and your "team") would be asked to purchase paint and supplies for the refurbishing and cleaning of a room or hallway this year.

Colors must be approved by the Board. You would provide the materials, the labor and the love to improve our facility. If you would like our building to feel loved again sign up below and send it to the church office by March 1, 1998!

Just as your home needs updating every so often so does your church home! If you cannot do the work, perhaps you can support others in their project!

Erik, I want to help take care of my Church Home!

Name:____

Phone: _____ I will lead a team ____ I will finance a project ____ I will help____

SIX-SESSION PARENTING SERIES

Sponsored by Alamance Friends of Youth and North
Carolina Cooperative Extension Service/Alamance County Center

FOR: Parents of Children 10-16

WHERE: Agriculture Building, 201 W. Elm St., Graham

TIME: Mondays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

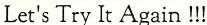
To Register, call 228-7563 (Alamance Friends of Youth)

The entire series is recommended but individual class participation is welcome.

Session Descriptions:

| February 2 Session I Disciplining Strategies for Children with Special Macon Baird, Department of Social Service February 16 Session II Teaching Your Children Responsibility Evelyn D. DeLoatch, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service/Alamance County Commence of March 2 Session III Adolescent Substance Abuse Issues: Signs, Symand Awareness Steve Allen, Alamance Friends of Youth | |
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| March 16 Session IV Talking with Your Children About Sex Shannon Bennett, Alamance Cares | |
| March 30 Session V Helping Children with School Helen Styles, Alamance/Burlington Schools | |
| April 6 Session VI Resources for Parents and Wrap-Up Tammy Cobb and Steve Allen, Alamance Friends of Youth; Evelyn D. DeLoatch, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service/Alamance County Ce | enter |





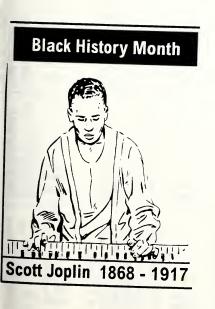


All Sunday School Teachers are invited to a "Coffee Talk" on Feb. 1, 1998 at 6:30 pm.

Please come to the home of Robin & Mike Gregory, 103 Truitt Dr., Elon College for this informal time together.

This event is sponsored by the Board of Christian Education.





Holy Bible

No Fat
No Cholesterol
No Sodium
No Caffeine
No Chlorofluorocarbons
Totally Recyclable

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4pm Terrific Thurs. 7:30 am Breakfast

7:00 Chancel Choir

Support Group

7:30 Parents 7:30 Circle III

7:00 Cub/Girl

5:30 Chancel Bells

7:30 Circle II Scouts

for S.S. Teachers 6:30 R. C. Mass 6:30 Coffee Talk

8:00 A.A.

7pm Special Fridays 7:30 Shelter Meal





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7:30 am Breakfast 7:30am Breakfast DAY SUPPERIII VALENTINE'S Club Study

7pm Chancel Choir

8pm A.A.

Support Group
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7pm Cub/Girl Scouts

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6:30 Church Nite

& R.C. Mass

7:30 Parents

10:30 Staff Mtg

Noon Circle of Care

9:45 Sun. School 11 am Worship $\frac{\omega}{\omega}$

10:30 Stoff Mto

Group

8:30 am Clergy

PRESIDENTS' DAY OFFICE CLOSED

11am Worship 9:45 S. School



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| | Don't give up for Leut! Give of your- self in worship and service! | The Breakfast Club Bible Study wel- comes early risers every Thursday at 7:30 ami | ₹ <u>₹</u> | Make Reservations for the Res. 12 Valenting Rupper | Cub Scoute & Girl Scoute every Mondey et 7 pm | Count ring on Number 1 |
| | | 4pm Terrific Thurs. | 7pm Worship Chancel Choir to follow 8pm A.A. | 7:30 Parents Support | 7pm Stephen Min. Supervision 7pm Girl Scouts | Noon Confirmation 5:30 Chancel Bells 6:30 Mass 7:45 C.Scout Set-up |

contribution to the Capital Funds Campaign for Black Lake Retreat Center. Plans are underway to construct a multi-purpose building The Board of Missions recently recieved a request for a at the center.

individuals in the Church may wish to support the project. Anyone Board decided not to act upon the request at this time. However, The mission budget having already been established, the wishing further information may contact Mrs. Betsy Russell 584-5016

Torch Notes

The Board of Trustees (ECCC) meeting of Sunday evening, January 11, 1998, was an organizational meeting, and, at the same time, it delt with new, as well as on-going items of concern. They were, as follows:

Board Chair Eric Allshouse opened the business part of the session, listing discussion and action requirements on these church needs:

1. The installation of the new side door at the Narthex has come to a halt because it is difficult to find a contractor willing to do a job as small as this one, although the doors themselves are quite easy to find.

Efforts to locate such an installer continue.

- 2. The "Adopt A Room" concept for the church was brought up for reconsideration, and the Board felt that this activity is too worthwhile to be given up without a major effort to make it successful.
- 3. The Board agreed to be responsible for the setting up and clearing away activities for the annual meeting of the Church on January 25, 1998.
- 4. Repair for the hinge on the door at the top of stairway to upper level of the Educational Wing was discussed.
- 5. The following items were mentioned as matters for future consideration and or improvement:
- a) The location and improvement of church bulletin boards, particularly as regards "effectiveness."
 - b) The "cracking" of sidewalks around church grounds.
 - c) The "upgrading" of computers in the church office complex.
 - 6. The matter (or anti-matter) of church keys was voiced. ("Nuff said")
- 7. Building Superintendents Biff Brafford and Harvey Hook reported that the new heating units in the Parish House are very successful, especially regarding new controls.
- 8. Board members were notified that the recently approved church budget of \$217,000.00 was considered by the church treasurer, and others concerned with fiscal matters, to be "workable," even if slightly under the projected amount.

9. The Trustees were also notified that Mr. Holmes, painting contractor, will be available to discuss the Church painting job, planned for sometime in the spring.

The meetings final order of business was the selection of the Chairpersons for the Board of Trustees Committees. They were as follows:

Secretary - Phoebe Harrison

Delegate to Church Council - Jerry Dillashaw

Personnel Committee - Paul Fairfield

Budget & Finance Committee - Rollin Heinzerling

Parsonage Committee - Rollin Heinzerling

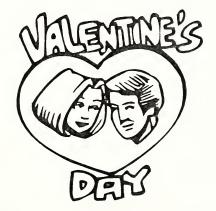
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Building & Grounds - Eric Allshouse

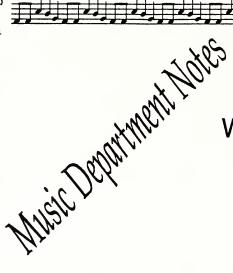
Torch Reporter - Bill Ellis

Note: At the preceding meeting, David Ruth was elected Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees, ECCC.









We welcome to the Chancel Choir Bekah Davis Marie Eyes

Easter is on the way, and some exciting new music.
There's a chair with your name on it. Join us
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

New to the Chancel Ringers:



Andrea Albertson
Ann Acquilano
Thomas Turanchik

You'll be hearing from us soon!



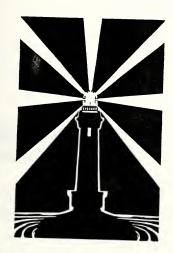
The family of
Rena W. Underwood
acknowledges with grateful appreciation
your kind expression of sympathy

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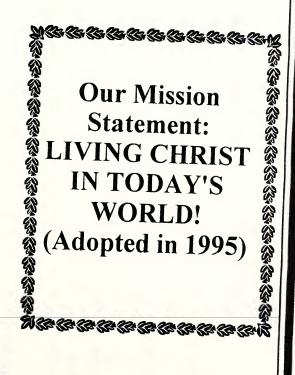
Dear Staff & Church Family,

It was so thoughtful of you to think of us at such a difficult time. We really appreciate the flowers.

Sincerely,
Bill & Betty Blanchard



Elon College Community
Church,
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Elon College,
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Help us choose a convenient week for Vacation Bible

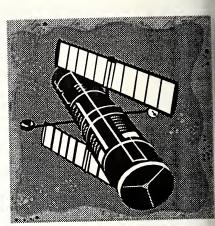
schedules. This year we will set the Vacation Bible School date based on a consensus when it seems most folks All parents, grandparents, possible attraction leaders are encouraged to begin thinking about your summer will be able to attend.

School!

Plans are for another exciting theme.... One you won't want to miss !!

Please rank the following dates in order of preference or add your own. Return to Becky by March 15.

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Signed





plan to attend a meeting for the "JUNIORS" Youth Group. This will be the esting for this group. It is open to 3", 4", and 5" graders. We are g a Valentine Party at the home of Robin and Mike Gregory at the Drive, Elon. Please plan to attend and join in on the fun!

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February 15, 1998

TIME:

5:00pm

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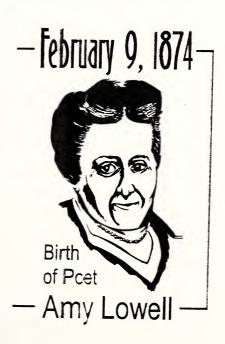
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Black History Month

1800's in
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THIS TOO SHALL PASS Encouragement for Parents Who Sometimes Doubt Their Teenagers Were Created in the Image of God

A Twelve Session Course for Parents of Teens Sponsored by The Parents Support Group

FREE

Tuesday Nights beginning on February 17, 1998 Gregory Library Elon College Community Church

Corner of Williamson and Haggard Avenues
Elon College

7:30 P.M. Sharp!

Facilitator: Arch Aitcheson

Register by telephoning 584-0391 M - F 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM



The Lenten
Season begins
with Ash
Wednesday.
Where will
You begin?

Jesus began with the wilderness experience. We are encouraged to begin with the liturgy of Ash Wednesday. The liturgy of that service proclaims the truth of the Genesis proclamation: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return!"

Those words remind us of the fragile state of this life and the need we all have for confession and penitence as we begin the observance of the forty days (excluding Sundays) before Easter.

On Wednesday, February 25, at 7 pm the doors of the sanctuary will open to help us begin the Lenten experience. Ashes will mark a cross on the foreheads of those who wish to receive them. Holy Communion will be offered to give us focus in this holy season.

The words of the litugy continue with: "Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory!" Ash Wednesday calls us to prepare for Easter's ioy!

How will you begin the observance of Lent? Hopefully, you and yours, neighbors and friends will begin at worship.

Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services Flowers for February

01 Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Jourdan 08 Mr. & Mrs. Ray Harclerode 15 Rev. & Mrs. Arch Aitcheson

22 Mr. & Mrs. Wes Alexander

Ushers for February

01 Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley

08 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Tommy Oakley, Stan Willard

15 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath

22 Dick Rinker, George Troxler, Bill Linde

Greeters for February

01 Ethel & Tom Oakley

08 Vera Dixon & Frances Longest

15 Steve & Katrina Chappell 22 Leslie Denny & Lynn Denny

Acolytes for February

01 Christine Fogleman/Anna Wilkins

08 Rebecca Perry/Susan Heinzerling

15 Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley

22 Claire Welborn/Zach Welborn

Nursery for February

01 Ellie Ketchum/Leigh Ann Denny

08 Heidi Danieley/Susan Heinzerling

15 Verona & Earl Danieley

22 Ann & Kim Aquilano

Second Hour Child Care for February

01 Bill Linde/Katherine Floyd

08 Jean & Bill Motley

15 Patsy & Eddie Oliver

22 Marie & Jeff Wilkins III

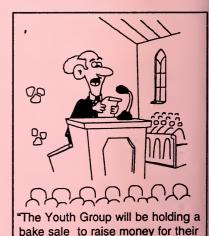
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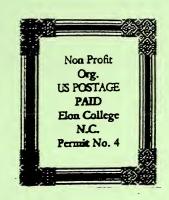
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leader's ulcer medication."

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Newsletter for:







From the Castor . . .

Thou shalt wear a long, stern face to pleaseth the Lord! Thou shalt not laugh or smile during the Lenten Season! Thou shalt retrain from any form of merriment or joy!

The lenten creed?

Some would think so.

"Bury yourself in a moody, somber, and dark attitude of self-chastising behavior!" the message seems to proclaim.

"Give up something for Lent! . . . something that causes you to suffer a little bit!" shout other pietistic voices.

No way!

Lent is a time for spiritual reflection, growth and revelation.

That is not found in grumpy, dark corners of personal flagellation!

It is not in "giving up" some silly foible that the Spirit intervenes in our life!

Lent is not simply for "thou shalt nots." It is for "thou shalts!"

For Lent this year try brightening the days of others around you, for a change.

Try to give something of yourself to another human being, to a favorite charity or cause, or to God.

Prav more.

Laugh more.

Smile, even through your tears!

Give more.

Worship more often.

Rejoice in each new day.

Thou shalt!

Reflectively,



Youthful Proverbs

On Sunday, February 15, 1998 Pastor Arch invited the children at worship to look at some of our favorite proverbs and beatitudes. He presented the first part of the proverb, and the children gave the second part. Several continued the process in written form: Here are a few of their proverbs for us to enjoy: This month's version comes to us from Jesse Chatfield and Anna Wilkins.

As you make your bed so shall you . . . have weekend plans!

... say, "I don't want to go to bed!"

Better be safe than . . . get spanked!

Strike while the . . . batter is up! . . . while the shield is up!

It's always darkest before . . . you open your eyes! . . the light is on!

You can lead a horse to water . . . but a horse cannot lead you any

where!

Don't bite the hand . . . that feeds you ice cream

A Penny saved is . . . not a lot . . . is a penny richer!

An idle mind is . . . not good! . . is a person who has lost his mind.

Happy is the person who. . . makes his point! . . . laughs a lot!

Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and everyone yells:
"Shut up!"

When the blind leads the blind . . . there's going to be an accident!.

. they both run into something!

Where there's smoke . . . there's firemen!

More wisdom next month!

ECCC Music Notes

Why is it that during Lent our music suddenly becomes subdued?

The Lenten Season, the forty days preceeding Easter, reminds us of the forty days Jesus spend in the wildeness preparing for His ministry while at the same time being severly tempted by Satan.

The music you hear and sing reflects this contemplative spirit during this time, broken only by the thrilling "Hosannas" of Palm Sunday. Even the traditional "Gloria" disappears from our worship until Easter.

As you join in to the mood of this season, listen carefully to the words that you sing and hear, marking for you a new beginning in your ministry as a member of Elon College Community Church "Living Christ in Today's World."



If you would like to sing with the choir but can't make a long-term commitment, consider joining the choir just for the Lenten season. There's always room for YOU!

Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m.

P.S. You can attend the Wednesday Lenten services and still make it to choir!



Help us choose a convenient week for Vacation Bible School!

schedules. This year we will set the Vacation Bible School date based on a consensus when it seems most folks All parents, grandparents, possible attraction leaders are encouraged to begin thinking about your summer will be able to attend.

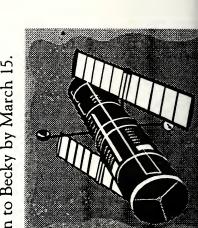
Plans are for another exciting theme.... One you won't want to miss !!

Please rank the following dates in order of preference or add your own. Return to Becky by March 15.

June 15 - 19, 1998

June 29 - July 3, 1998

July 13 - July 17, 1998 July 20 - July 24, 1998 July 27 - July 31, 1998



Thanks!

Dear Members and Friends, Ciz and I thank all of you for the many surprises that came our way on Sunday, February 8. The roses and the gifts remind us iust how special this church community is! Five years have flown by! They have all been good. You have shared the leadership and offered the support that makes it so! Thanks for your love and kindnesses!

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Thank you

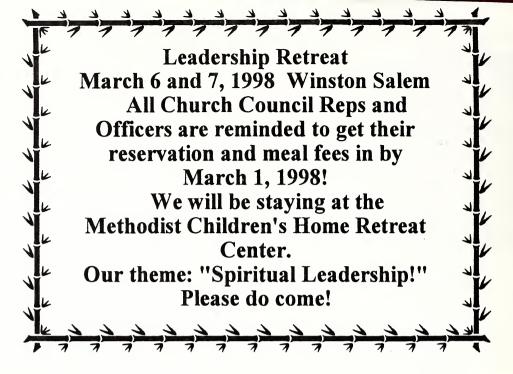
Pastor Arch, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I had a dream, my children would not live in poverty-would have unconditional love and an education. Only by God's grace could this happen. I prayed for wisdom-guidence-patience. I couldn't count the number of angels God sent us. My prayers have been answered. By the grace of God's blessings. All of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ have been a part of God's plan. Your generosity and kindness overwelms me. The friends we have made has added abundance to our lives. Joe's trip to Europe, our Christmas gifts, food. Your prayers and calls when I'm ill or home alone, I am truly thankful to everyone.

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude.

Love, Mary Mattern





Elon College Community Church,

The family of Myrtle Matlock would like to thank everyone who helped prepare and served lunch after the funeral.

We also thank everyone for their prayers and expressions of sympathy at this time.

Nina Matlock Ann M. Bowyer

Dear Rev. & Mrs. Aitcheson and the entire Church Family,

Thank you so much for making us feel so welcome and at home. We thoroughly enjoyed presenting the music and hope that it proved a blessing for you. Thank you also for your most generous donation. We have many needs and it will be used wisely. We hope you have a blessed New Year.

Yours in Christ, Joyce Van Nostrand

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1998

MEAL PREPARATION FOR ALLIED CHURCHES EMERGENCY NIGHT SHELTER

| | First Friday | Group | Contact Person |
|----|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| ** | January 2 | Board of Missions | Martin Shotzberger |
| ** | February 6 | Individual Volunteers | Mary Ruth |
| ** | March 6 | Circle 1 | Hilda Oxford |
| ** | April 3 | Board of Evangelism | Shirley Beyer |
| * | May 1 | Board of Christian Education | Melodie Allshouse |
| * | June 5 | Individual Volunteers | Mary Ruth |
| * | July 3 | Circle 2 | Beth Wilkins |
| * | August 7 | Music Committee | Liz Aitcheson |
| * | September 4 | Seekers Sunday School Class | Louis Wilkins |
| * | October 2 | Board of Deacons | Gayland Welborn |
| ** | November 6 | Layman's Fellowship | Gayland Welborn |
| ** | December 4 | Board of Trustees | Eric Allshouse |

^{**} supper served at 7:30 p.m.

We greatly appreciate your committee providing the meal on the 1st Friday night of the month suggested. A big "thanks." You may call the shelter anytime at 222-0749 to get an estimated number of guests.

Board of Missions Mary Ruth 584-4619 (home)

^{*} supper served at 8:30 p.m.

For March 98 Torch

Arch—this article may help inspire others to participate-hence, the details. Mary Ruth

SUPPER at the SHELTER!!

There are 30 different churches who provide one supper meal per month at Allied Churches of Alamance County. Elon Community brings the meal on every first Friday night. Elsewhere in this issue of the TORCH, you will see the many groups and committees who help make this possible. Many thanks to those who pitched in and helped prepare and serve the shelter supper on Friday evening, February 6:

Norma Watson -Coleslaw
Jane Alexander - dessert brownies
Trina Chappell - Pinto Beans
Bill Ruth - hot dogs & buns, milk

The meal was simple, yet ample, and certainly most appreciated by the 25 men, women and children spending the night at the shelter that particular evening. We brought our food at 7 p.m. to the Ministries Center at 206 N Fisher Street, set up the serving line, and were then led in prayer by one of the shelter guests. Jane and Wes Alexander, Bill & Mary Ruth, and Trina Chappell all discovered (anew) the joy of giving to othersespecially those less fortunate. Each of us "signed in" as a volunteer, supported the night manager on duty, visited with some of the shelter guests, appreciated the sincere thank yous, cleaned up and departed by 8:15 p.m. feeling that we had participated in a very worthwhile "hands-on" ministry.

You, too, have an opportunity for this worthwhile experience. I need help on Friday night June 5 at 8 p.m. If you have questions, can prepare part of the meal and/or serve, please let me know.

Mary C. Ruth, Missions Committee (home) 584-4619

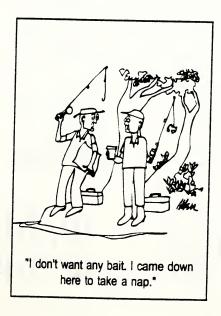
. Real Charity doesn't care it it's deductible or not!

The Bible teaches us that spiritual leaders come in all shapes, forms and sizes. It teaches us that spiritual leaders are human and that their shadow side sometimes shows itself. It also teaches that where persons respond to the wooing or invitation of the Spirit, fruitful results occur!

-Rueben P. Job

He Lives

The truth we celebrate each aster is that Christ has been ised from the dead. He lives, as died, for you and for me."





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| 9:46 Sun. School 11 AM Worship 6 PM Youth R.C. Mass COMMUNION SUNDAY | 2 Circle 1 10:30 AM Circle 2 7:30 PM Cub & Girl Scoute - 7PM | Clergy Mtg. 8:30 staff 10:30 AM Parent Support Education Program - 7:30 Circle 3 - 7:30 | 7 pm Lenten Service First Baptist Church of Elon Chancel Choir 7 pm AA 8 pm Pastor's Day OFF! | 7:30 Breakdast 8tudy 4 pm Territic Thursdays & Bells | Sheker Meal - 6.45 Circle 1 Special Fridays 7PM Leadership Refrest Begins Whiston Salem DCE's Day Off! | Leadership Retreat Continues until after dinner. |
| 9:45 Sun. School 11 AM Worship Noon Confirmation and Mission Lunch wkh Cile Welborn. 6:30 Church Night! | Cub & Girl Scouts 7 pm Stephen Ministry Training 7 pm | \$40 Staff 10:30 am Parent Support & Education Program 7:30 pm | Community Lenten Service Elon Baptist Church of Morgan Place 7 pm Chancel Choir 8 pm AA Pastor's Day Ottl | 12 7:30 Breakfast Club 4 pm Territic Thursday & Belia | 43 A good Lenten Discipline Inchides takhful attendance at worship! DCE's Day OFF! | Stephen Minkity is a program of Lay Minkity that DOES make a difference in Nees! |
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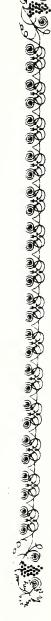
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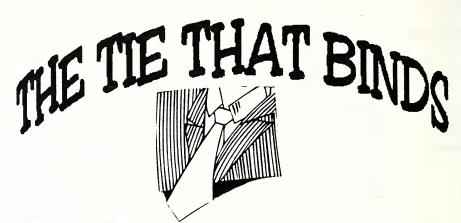
7 :30 pm Parente' Support & Education

One program through which we seek to live out Christ in today's world is the Blanket Fund. Our contribution as of January 31, \$350.00. Thanks to all of those who responded to this appeal. people That amount will provide the warmth of 70 blankets to around the world.

The Board of Missions has recieved a publication from the Office issues pertinent to 1998. This pamplet is posted on the bulletin in the Struggle." It includes several articles addressing social for Church in Society, United Church of Christ, titled "Courage board in the downstairs hallway and is available to anyone who wishes to borrow it.

The Mission Board





"The Tie That Binds" is coming to a woship service near you! Be at Worship on March 1 and the weeks following to be involved.

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A Christian Leader is a person who feels called by God through Christ to expend his or her center life and strength channeling and manifesting this transforming love of God on the frontier where creation meets chaos!

- Flora Slosson Wuellner Prayer, Stress, and Our Inner Wounds

YOUTH NEWS

MARCH

MARCH 1: SHOW YOU CARE!

We plan to put a package of greetings together for Heather, Beverly Byer, and others of your choice. Come join us at 6:00 pm.

MARCH 15: THE BLUE RIBBON PROJECT BEGINS!

Come learn about this project which was inspired by the book, Chicken Soup for the Soul. Learn how you can be a positive influence on your community at 6:00 pm.

MARCH 29: THE FUNGI HUNT!

It is a repeat of one of the zaniest scavenger hunts we have ever done. Join us for the fun at 6:00 pm.

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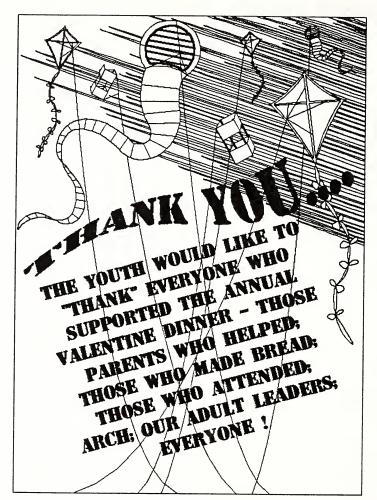
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PRAYER

MARCH 6, 1998

Dumility has nothing to do with self-abasement.

True humility walks with

Elegance, poise and Grace!

Dow will you walk?



"It's just human nature Herb.
Eventually EVERY committee membegins to think he's really part of the decision-making process."

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

PAGE:

SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

(12/12) 1 MONTHS

CCB General Checking Acct

REPORT DATE: 01/31/98

| NT | CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR) | YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR) | BUDGET TO DATE | OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR | ANNUAL BUDGET | YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR) |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---|
| | | | | | | |
| INCOME | 11,411.76 | 11,411.76 | 17,575.16 | 6,163.40 | 210,902.00 | 11,941.73 |
| RENTAL INCOME | 975.00 | 975.00 | 1,041.50 | 66.50 | 12,498.00 | 925.00 |
| OFFICE INCOME | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| SALES TAX REFUND | .00 | .00 | 66.67 | 66.67 | 800.00 | .00 |
| VBS TUITION & FEES | .00 | .00 | 4.17 | 4.17 | 50.00 | .00 |
| GENERAL REFUNDS | 191.35 | 191.35 | 12.50 | 178.85+ | 150.00 | -00 |
| SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP | 535.26 | 535.26 | .00 | 535.26+ | .00 | 209.41 |
| Interest | 482.42 | 482.42 | 50.00 | 432.42+ | 600.00 | 245.11 |
| Misc. Income Accts | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 731.00 |
| INCOME | 13,595.79 | 13,595.79 | 18,750.00 | 5,154.21 | 225,000.00 | 14,052.25 |
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| SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 149.41 |
| LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH | 100.00 | 100.00 | 183.00 | 83.00 | 2,450.00 | 83.00 |
| OTHER MISSION OUTREACH | 1,115.00 | 1,115.00 | 1,111.20 | 3.80+ | 15,138.00 | 968.00 |
| WORSHIP EXPENSES | 364.26 | 364.26 | 265.60 | 9 8.66+ | 3,500.00 | 286.97 |
| MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES | 196.29 | 196.29 | 478.65 | 282.36 | 2,800.00 | 262.50 |
| EVANGELISM EXPENSES | .00 | .00 | 62.25 | 62.25 | 1,165.00 | .00 |
| CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP | 448.31 | 448.31 | 483.49 | 35.18 | 6,250.00 | 191.21 |
| SALARY EXPENSES | 9,403.18 | 9,403.18 | 11,959.08 | 2,555.90 | 143,766.00 | 9,764.98 |
| Facility Operation Exp. | 4,056.75 | 4,056.75 | 3,632.59 | 424.16+ | 50,291.00 | 5,542.51 |
| Misc Expense Accts | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 95.06 |
| EXPENSES | 15,683.79 | 15,683.79 | 18,175.86 | 2,492.07 | 225,360.00 | 17,343.64 |
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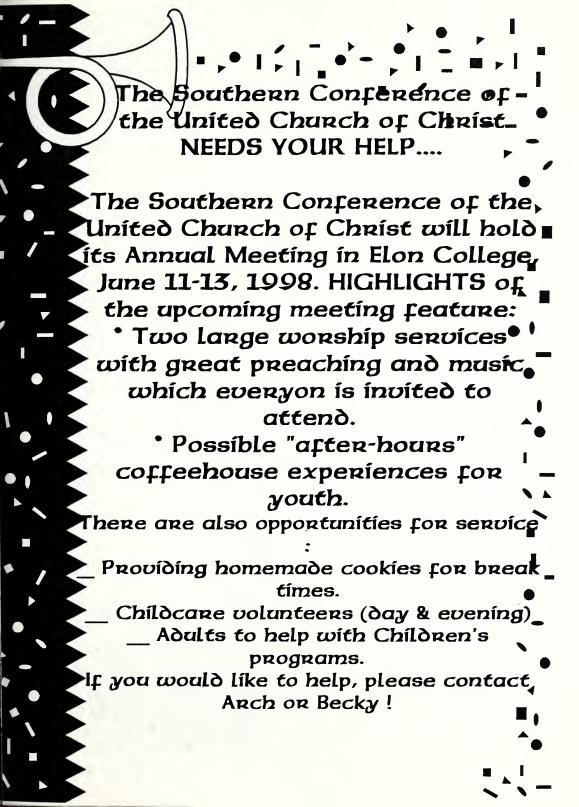
The Effective Leader relies not so much on effort, education, or experience, but on judgement, feeling, sense, values, and intuition. In essesnce, we are talking about a kind of discernment one can only understand in spiritual terms.

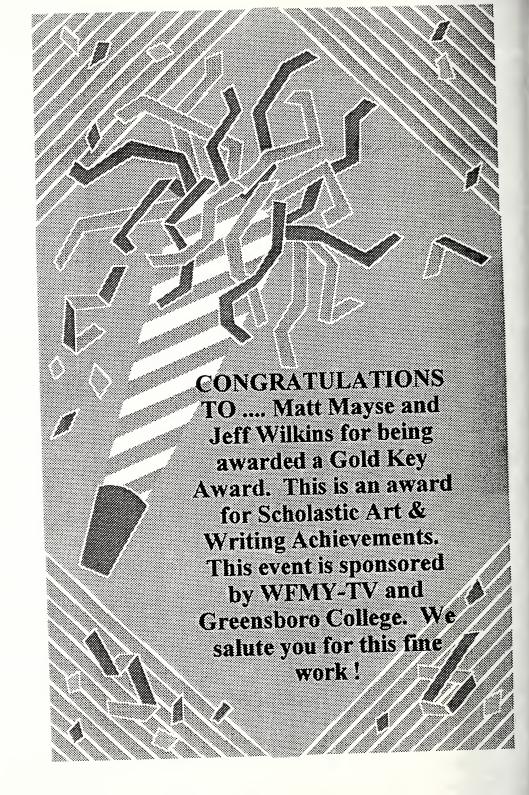
-Lovett H. Weems Church Leadership

Board of Trustees Meeting of February 8, 1998

The Board of Trustees, ECCC, discussed and acted upon a number of concerns, most of which related to the upkeep of physical items in or around the church. They are as follows:

- The lighting of the two chancel choir lofts being a real problem, and needing much improvement, an expert has been contacted in order to suggest the emplacement of new and better fixtures. It is hoped, also, that a quicker and safer method of changing bulbs, particularly in the Sanctuary, will be considered.
- Members of the Church are invited to watch for activity in the Adopt-A-Room program.
- Concerning the installation of a chancel area stained-glass window, a number of related structural problems are currently being analysed.
- The Board authorized Rahco to routinely service the newly installed heating and cooling systems.
- 5. The difficulty of "in-house" cleaning of church windows was discussed, and the hiring of a contractor to perform this difficult(and potentially dangerous) task was seriously considered.
- 6. The broken door-hinge at the top of the stairs in the Educational Wing has been repaired by Building Superintendant Biff Brafford.
- 7. Mr. Brafford also followed through on locating a contractor who would supply and install a much needed new door at the south side entrance to the Narthex. The door and installation will be given as a memorial.
- 8. A permanent location for painting done by Leonard Miller was discussed.
- Mention was made of the need for tree pruning when spring arrives.
- 10. The Board was reminded that the April Church Night Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 5, (Palm Sunday) because the second Sunday in April is Easter Sunday.





HEAR YE! HEAR YE! NEWS FOR EVERYONE!

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On Sunday, March 8, 1998 a covered dish luncheon will be held in the Parish House by the Mission Board and Women's Fellowship. A program on Missions in Brazil will be presented by our own, Cile Welborn. Cile grew up in Brazil, as the daughter of missionary parents. She will tell us about her experiences and some of the continuing projects of their efforts in that country. Our church contributes to work in Brazil and to the Hardesty's in their efforts in Bolivia.

Please come and bring a covered dish, sandwiches, salads, snack foods etc. to share. We hope everyone will participate in this special opportunity.

Besides the lines are shorter than those of area restaurants! The fellowship is grand!

March 8, 1998 Noon! ‡



A Spiritual Dialogue Benten Marriage Enrichment



A Lenten Series of Prayerful Marriage Enrichment

WHEN: Sundays March 15 and 29
WHERE: Gregory Library

TIME: Noon to 3:00 P.M.

WHAT: An interactive approach to revitalizing your marriage!
WHO: Married Couples with solid marriages:
who want to improve on a good relationship,
who want to improve on communication skills,
who want to bring a spiritual dimension to their relationship,
who are willing to invest time and prayer on their relationship,
or who want to celebrate what they have together!
WHY: Marriages need all the encouragement they can get

in today's world!

HOW: Sign up on the form below by MARCH 8, 1998! LEADERS: Arch & Liz Aitcheson

Couples will be asked to bring sandwich-type lunches. Coffee and Iced Tea will be provided.

| NAME OF COUPLE: | PHONE: |
|-----------------------------|---|
| MARRIAGE DATE: | CHILD CARE NEEDS?YES NO |
| CHILDREN'S NAMES AND AGI | ES: (Mark with an X if child care required) |
| 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 |
| Special Concerns or Issues: | |

Send to Arch & Liz Aitcheson - P.O. Box 625 - Elon College NC 27244-0625







New! Community Benten Services!



This year area churches will gather for the first time for a series of Lenten, Wednesday Night worship experiences. We so enjoy working together at Thanksgiving, and want to offer another opportunity to come together! The services will be held on WEDNESDAY NIGHTS from 7:00 to 7:30 P.M. at various churches. Each service will feature a hymn, a scripture lesson, a ten minute devotion from a guest pastor, one special song or solo and a benediction. Our overall theme will be based on the hymn "At the Cross!" The services are designed so that choirs can rehearse and study groups can meet in their own settings after these short devotional services.

Why not make a special effort to worship with neighbors during this Lenten Season! It can make a difference in your life!

Schedule

| Date: | Church Host: | Preacher: |
|----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| MARCH 4 | First Baptist Church of Elon College | Rev. Darrell Cox |
| | | Trinity Worship Center |
| MARCH 11 | Elon Baptist of Morgan Place | Rev. Clarence Wall |
| | | Elon Baptist Morgan Pl. |
| MARCH 18 | Shallowford United Church of Christ | Rev. Randy Innes |
| | | First United Methodist |
| MARCH 25 | Elon College Community Church | Rev. Norman Harris |
| | | First Baptist Church |
| APRIL 1 | Trinity Worship Center | Rev. Arch Aitcheson |
| | | Elon College Community |
| APRIL 8 | First United Methodist of Elon | Rev. Les Jolley |
| | | Shallowford U.C.C. |





Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services Flowers for March

- 01 Ms. Melva Foster Ms. Sara Dodson
- 08 Mrs. Gladys Hughes
- 15 Mrs. Beth Schmidt
- 22 Dr. & Mrs. Fred Young 29 Dr. & Mrs. Wally Snyder

Ushers for March

- 01 Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley
- 08 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Tommy Oakley, Stan Willard
- 15 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath
- 22 Dick Rinker, George Troxler, Bill
- 29 Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley

Greeters for March

- 01 Mike & Robin Gregory
- 08 David & Christy Ruth
- 15 Venita Edwards & Beth Schmidt
- 22 Sue Shipley
- 29 Kim & Casey Webb

Acolytes for March

- 01 Nicole Williamson\David Brown
- 08 Jeff Wilkins\Leigh Ann Denny
- 15 Derrick Horner\Jessica Horner
- 22 Miranda Rich\Megan Brown 29 Christine Foglman\Anna Wilkins

Nursery for March

- 01 Beth Schmidt\Hilda Oxford
- 08 Robin & Mike Gregory
- 15 Ralph & Patsy Jourdan 22 Jim & Lorene Lyon
- 29 Lou Harper & Meg Wilkins

Second Hour Child Care

- 01 Mike & Janet Mayse
- 08 Kim & Steve Perry
- 15 Laura Chatfield\Kim Webb
- 22 Jimma & Chris Causey 29 Lydia Troxler & Jennifer Day

hurch Attendance for

January & February

Jan. 04-141 Feb. 15-151

Jan. 11-None Given Jan. 18-161

Jan. 25-239 Feb. 01-140 Feb. 08-147



Springtime Peace

by Helen Kitchell Evans

Slow down my friend, slow down. Enjoy the morning birds that sing. Slow down my friend and see, God's lovely work is happening.

Slow down and let some springtime air, Becalm your rushing hours. Slow down a bit to smell and see, God's brilliant springtime flowers.

Slow down my friend, slow down; Enjoy the beauty of God's earth, Slow down and watch in pure delight, The Master's bringing forth new birth.

@MMI







Easter Musings ...

Your Pastor's Perspective

Easter Eggs and Baskets colorfully displayed
Try desperately to relate the meaning of the day
To a world still trapped in the darkness of the Tomb
Bombarded by media claims of doom and gloom!

Funky hats and the newest fashions bought,
Easter Lily and Spring floral aromas sought,
And trumpet and choral masterpieces well-rehearsed,
Strive to catch the spirit of an event methodically searched.

God, we want this to be stupendous and grand!
We want to winter's hold and spread Spring o'er the land.
Liturgical garb and the best organized productions
We've designed and planned to provide an Easter seduction!

Crowds will gather, packing aisles and pews just to see
The grand processions and glorious music, we believe,
Will capture the grandeur of Spirit and the awesome sign
Of the story of resurrection that challenges the mind.

Lord God, forgive our shallow observance and view, For we have failed to see the truth that comes from You! Easter's message is basic, simple and humbling for all; Jesus rises to free us for living and accepting his call!

So, humble and quiet us in the joy of Easter Day, And guide us spiritually as we rise and walk Christ's Way! A Blessed Easter,







Second Annual Service Faire

MAY 2, 1998 5 O'CLOCK
PARISH HOUSE
OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY!

HAVE YOU FILLED OUT YOUR SERVICE FAIRE DONATION FORMS AND TURNED THEM INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE? IF NOT, DO IT TODAY!

AUCTION BOOKLETS AND TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE BEGINNING APRIL 19, 1998 IN THE NARTHEX ON SUNDAY MORNINGS OR DURING THE WEEK IN THE CHURCH OFFICE!

HOT DOGS AND COLD DRINKS WILL BE SERVED FROM 5 O'CLOCK UNTIL 6. BID BAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR SELECTION AT THAT TIME.

THE AUCTION WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 6!

WHY NOT INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS! THERE IS MORE ROOM AVAILABLE THIS YEAR!



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1055 Niley Cook Road

Blowing Rock, NC 28605

Off/hm: 704-264-1516 FAX: 704-262-0701

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JUNIOR CAMPS

make the experiwariety of Aactivities

swimming, making crafts, enjoying campfires, tubstories, and just having a good time. Remember, ence both enjoyable and educational. Consider ing. singing, discovering new friends, sharing in lenges, shooting archery, telling and listening to worship, luking, playing games, accepting chal-"camp gives kids a world of good."

JUNIOR AGE 1

directed by Rev. Brent Price

June 21-27; \$198.00; grades 4, 5 & 6; mainsite

JUNIOR AGE 2

directed by Ms. Nora Driver &

July 5-11; \$198.00; grades 4, 5 & 6; mainsite

directed by Ms Sue Howell & Rev. James Humphrey July 19-22; \$108.00; Grade 3 only; mainsite camp first time campers get a sampling of Johns River.

EXPLORERS

July 19-25; \$198.00; grades 5 & 6 directed by Staff & SCAT Team

mainsite and outpost by spending half the week in Young cumpers can experience the best of both each location.

JUNIOR ACE 3

directed by Rev. Ben Franklin

July 26-August 1; \$198.00; grds. 4, 5, 6; mainsite

Bridge JUNIOR HIGH CAMPS

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outs. And keep in mind that "camp gives kids a world of list of younger campers short canoe trips, visits to new years with challenging new opportunities. Add to the waterfulls, advanced initiatives, and optional camp-

JUNIOR HIGH I (Traditional)

June 14-20; \$198.(N); grades 7, 8 & 9, mainsite camp directed by Rev. Gary Owen Rev. Steven Butler

JUNIOR HIGH 2 (Recreation) directed by Rev. John Roberts

June 28-July 4; \$198.00; grades 7, 8 & 9; mainsite camp (for campers who can bring their own mountain bike & Options for recreation camp include mountain biking lielmet), camping, and expanded opportunities using various gaming models for recreation and growth.

JUNIOR HIGH OUTPOST

directed by Rev. C. L. "Curly" Stumb & Rev. Jeff Hammonds Cumpers live in A frame cubins removed from mainsite and fire building. This camp also features an extended cooking, orienteering, trail maintenance, lantern care area, and develop outdoor living skills that include July 5-11; \$208 00; grades 7, 8 & 9; outpost site cance trip on an area river.

SENIOR HIGH CAMPS

Camp gives Kids -- of

camp activities, with opportunities... to renew frlendships from past camps, share life amidst a community of faith, any age -- a choices, from the traditional mainsite camp to the high world of good. Senior High camps offer a diversity of adventure outpost experience. All offer a variety of and just enjoy a fun filled week of recreation.

SENIOR HIGH ADVENTURE

pelling, group initiatives, and wilderness camping. Life at the A-frames blends the fun of campfire circles, the Campers are challenged by high adventure activities responsibilities of shared living, and the discipline of including white water rafting, rock climbing and rapdirected by Rev. Ron Price & Rev. Scott Woody June 14-20, \$248.00; grades 9-12; outpost site spiritual journeys.

SENIOR HIGH (Traditional)

Family and interest groups, water activities, night at A. frames, trip to Harper Falls, and a dance are all compa directed by Rev. Lee Jessup & Mr. Bryan Stewart July 12-18; \$198.00; grades 9-12; mainsite nents of this vibrant camp.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Send \$20.00 registration fee with completed form to: C. L. "Curly" Stumb, director

Johns River Valley Camp; 1055 Niley Cook Road, Blowing Rock, NC 28605

🛭 Registrations should be postmarked at least two weeks before the beginning of any given program. Some events and camps may fill up earlier. 🛭 Advance fee applies toward total cost of camp. Registration fees are refundable when a 30 day notice is given prior to the camp.

OPersons will receive various follow up information after the registration has been prixessed (te medical forms for camps, travel directions, etc.).

L) Housing proxedures will generally place persons from the same charch in different cabins except for first time Juntor campers when parents make a special request. Experience has demonstrated that this philosophy enhances the comp especience for all and facilitates compers' motivation to make new friends. Grade level Is rising, or nest year's class. Pastor's signature should be acquired when eligible for local scholarship. Note one change from previous years: rising ninth grade stadents may register for either Junlor High or Senior High camps.

Exam Bags

It is time to receive contributions for college student exam bags for this spring. The following items are needed:

microwave popcorn, coffee packets, tea bags, hot chocolate mix, hard candy, post-it notes, gum, postal cards (with stamps), packs of nabs, and HOMEMADE COOKIES.

We have storage so you may bring any of these items at any time.

Deadline for contributions: Friday, May 1st.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to help make up the bags on Sunday afternoon, May 3, at 3 p.m. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to help deliver the bags on Sunday, May 3, or Monday, May 4.

United Church of Christ
Congregations
in Burlington/Alamance County
are invited to a joint UCC service
at

ADDRESS CHANGE

Mrs. Clyde (Bertie) Fields 700 South Holden Road Greensboro NC 27407

Lakeview Community United Church of Christ

Palm Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, April 5, 1998 5:00 pm

Special Music Sweet Assurance
Women's Ensemble of
Lakeview Community UCC
Director - Diane Walker



APRIL 11, 1998 All children

10:30 AM -

11:45 AM

Parents will be needed to accompany children ages 0-4 All children need to bring 3 plastic eggs to share and a basket.

Come join the

S fun!

The Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ NEEDS YOUR HELP....

The Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ will hold its ANNUAL MEETING in Elon College, JUNE 11-13, 1998.
HIGHLIGHTS of the upcoming meeting feature: Two large worship services with great preaching and music which everyone can attend.
Workshops for youth and children's programs.

There are also opportunties for service:

Providing homemade cookies for break times
Childcare volunteers (day & evening)

Volunteers to help with Children's programs
Volunteers to help with Youth workshops
Opportunities to sing in the choir
Opportunities to play handbells for worship.

If you would like to be help on be involved,
please contact Arch or Becky!

Board of Trustees Notes

The March 8, 1998 meeting of the Board of Trustees, ECCC, dealt with a number of new as well as on-going items of interest. They are listed, as follows:

- 1. An anonymous church member has offered to donate a new church sign to replace the old one at the Haggard Avenue side of the Parish House. The Board voted to accept this kind gesture.
- A discussion of a proposed memorial stained glass window for the chancel brought out the following: The Church Council would need to review the proposed design and installation. The installation is somewhat involved because the rear wall of the chancel area is composed of sixteen-inch concrete block. The stained glass would be set, therefore, on the wall, behind and above the communion table, and would be lighted from behind the stained glass. The council after considering the proposal would need to call a special congregational meeting for community discussion and approval. The scene depicted is the classic one showing Jesus at prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. The Trustees voted to recommend the proposal to the Church Council at the April 5, 1998 meeting.
- 3. The subject of buildings and grounds being brought up, two items were discussed and considered for further action.

First was the necessity of improving the walkways around the Church area. Second was the need for keeping trees pruned while they were relatively small, thus obviating a much higher expense later.

4. Associate Building Superintendent, Harvey Hook, gave an interesting and valuable talk to the Board concerning the overall lighting situation in the Church, the Sanctuary in particular.

He reported that he, Jeff Neubauer and young Jeff Wilkins have made a good start in a full changeover to better and longer-lasting light units. They have fully installed proper lighting for the Bell Choir loft, and the Chancel Choir loft; in addition, they have installed proper units in three of the Sanctuary's thirty fixtures. The remainder must be installed by professional lighting personnel, because of the height involved in the pew area.

Harvey praised the two young men for the valuable assistance they gave him in doing this important job.

HELP TURN OUR CHURCH into a Space Training Center

There is a need for the following items to be either donated on loaned to help create a "sky's the limit" environment.

SAFETY FINS * *
NEWSPAPER
ALKA SELTZER TABLETS
FICTURES OF ROCKETS, STARS, L
PLANETS

CLOW IN THE DARK STAR STICKERS FISHING LINE ALUMINUM FOIL

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RLACK LANDSCAPE FABRIC DUCT TAPE RLACK ELECTRICAL TAPE





CALLING ALL Astronauts

Training Station Leaders are needed to help launch our Space Mission Bible Camp to New Frontiers.

We need Training Station
Leaders in the following areas
Sing & Play Blast Off
Space Crafts



Have-a-Blast Games
Mission Munchies
Bible Exploration

"COME HELP US LAUNCH KIDS ON A MISSION OF GOD'S LOVE!" IF INTERESTED IN HELPING, TALK TO RECKY TODAY.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES (12/12) 2 MONTHS

CCB General Checking Acct REPORT DATE: 02/28/98

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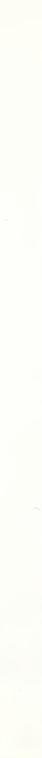


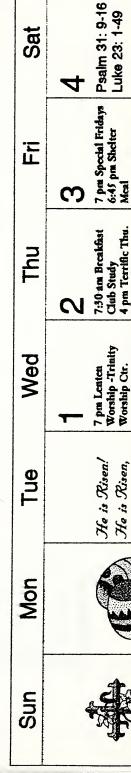
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Pasto's Day Off

7:30 Breakfast Club

4:30 R.Catholic Fell.

10:30 Circle I 7 pm Cub/Girl

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| for: Milec, Jeff and Arch and the entire HTC Medical Team! John 20: 19-31 | 25 HTC Tean Returns 9:30 pm - Raleighl Acts 5: 27 - 32 | YOUTH MEETINGS Sun. April 5 6 pm Sun. April 19 WORSHIP!!!!! | MA |
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| 7 pm Stephen Ministry Training 7 pm Cub/Girl Scouts | 20 7 pm Cub/Girl Scouts 7 pm Stephen Ministry Training | 27 7 pm Cub/Girl Scouts Stephen Ministry Training & Supervision | CHALLENGE: Try practicing random acts of kindness cach day in April! Spread Easter's Joy! |
| 11 am Worship John 20: 1 - 18 | Youth Min Sunday! 8:30 Teacher Appreciation Break. 9:45 Sun. School 11 am Worship 5pm Grief Sup. Gr. | 26 9:45 S.Sch. 11 am Worship Noon Confirmation & New Mem. Lunch 2 pm Renewal of Vows (Aguilar) | Roman Catholic Masses: April 5, 19, 26. NO EASTER MASS! |

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Support Group

CHOSED !

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| | You are cordially invited to help plan future programs |
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| A College | of the Church |
| | Please R.S.U.P. by filling out the form below and |
| | returning it to the church office by April 30, 1998 |
| | Check Program Possibility Best Time for You if Desired |
| | Marriage Enrichment Program |
| | Parenting Program |
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| | Decisions as We Get Older |
| | Spirituality Book Club |
| | Alternative Worship Service |
| | Other (Describe) |
| | Your name: |
| | Phone: |
| | Willing to help organize a program? Yes No Return this form to the Church Office by April 30, 1998 |
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Dear Parents:

Three...Two...one...BLAST OFF!

This Summer, Elon College Community Church is launching an adventure of Cosmic proportions with **SPACE MISSION BIBLE CAMP.** Each day your child/children will rocket into Bible learning they can see...hear...touch...and even taste! Unique crafts, team-building games, lively Bible songs, and healthy treats are just a few of the **SPACE MISSION BIBLE CAMP** activities that will help launch your children on a mission of God's love.



SPACE MISSION BIBLE CAMP

is great fun for children of all ages; even teenagers will enjoy signing on as "Flight Crew Leaders" who help younger children.

So mark JULY 27 - 31, 1998 ON YOUR CALENDAR. Countdown starts at 6:30 pm, and reentry is scheduled for 8:45 pm.

Make your plans now to attend a Bible-learning adventure your children will enjoy!

Sincerely,

Becky

Your Space Mission Bible Camp Mission Control Director

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS.....

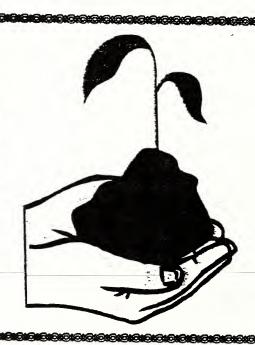
REMINDER TO PARENTS and NURSERY WORKERS:

All Parents and Nursery workers are reminded of the rooms currently being used for Sunday Morning Childcare. The Toddler/Preschool Sunday School room is being used for Sunday Worship Childcare for ages 0-4 yrs. An infant nursery is available when there is a need.

Second Hour Child Care for ages 5-2nd grade is currently using Room No. 7.

We appreciate everyone's help!

The CE Board



The CE Board invites all Sunday School Teachers and the Music Education team to an APPRECIATION BREAKFAST on APRIL 19, 1998 AT 8:30 AM IN THE PARISH HOUSE.

"Thanks for the seeds of faith
you sow."

HELP US FURNISH OUR "BUDDING" TODDLER/PRESCHOOL NURSERY

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It is important that we, as a Church, provide the best child care during worship that we can. It has come to my attention that there are some necessary items missing from our Toddler/Preschool Nursery.

OUR WISH LIST INCLUDES:

Changing Table with Washable Surface Diaper Pail with lid Self-Sticking Vinyl Wall Designs Coat Peg/Hooks

If interested in Providing any of these items, see Becky.





Nursery News



MISSION BOARD NEWS....

For many years, members of our congregation have enjoyed the facilities of Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds. Various groups including the youth, the choir, and the Fun Club, as well as families, and individuals, have experienced renewal and fellowship at "Our Place in the Mountains."

Now the Trustees of BRAG are inviting us to participate in the current Capital Campaign. The Missions budget of our church does not include support for BRAG, but individuals who wish may make cash contributions and/or pledges to this beautiful mountain retreat.

Responses may be made to the Church Office or sent directly to BRAG. Additional information is posted on the downstairs bulletin board.

January 23, 1998 Dear Church Family,

As I sit here in the Peace Corps Business Center in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, and I look out over the square that is constantly crossed by people on this gray Friday afternoon, it's hard to know where to begin. I feel so overwhelmed by all that I could tell. But I should begin with an apology! I have been thinking about this letter since I left the United States on June 11, 1997, to begin my life here in Bulgaria. I haven't much of an excuse for taking so long to write, except that my life here has been much busier than I had expected. In part because I had heard so many stories about how long it can take Peace Corps Volunteers to find work, I thought that my life would not have the typical American time-crunch. I was wrong! I do apologize for the delay; it in no way reflects how often I have thought about you.

I also want very much to thank you for all of your support. Your thoughts and prayers have sustained me during some trying times. You have also kept my mailbox full. Perhaps most importantly, you have been such a good family to my family. Thank you for your heartfelt concern for us all.

I find myself once again looking out at the people in the square, because I want to tell you something of my life here, but I find it so hard to do my experiences justice. My journal entries are just long and jumbled threads of thoughts, and the postcards that I send offer only short, teasing snatches of my existence here. I would like to offer you something in between or maybe a combination of the two. First, I am very happy and very blessed. And I'm learning SO MUCH about the world and myself. My months of training this summer were a blur, the two most important acquisitions being some language skills and many friends, Bulgarian and American alike. I moved to my site, Blagoevgrad, at the very end of August. I feel strongly that this is the best place for me; I really love it here. The city has many merits: the nearly Mediterranean climate, the attractiveness of the center, the American University in Bulgaria, the parks, the convenient access to the capital Sofia, to name just a few. There are problems, too, of course, like poverty and pollution. My assignment is at a language school, and that means that I work with some of Bulgaria's best and brightest students. I teach communicative English to nearly one hundred eighty students, ranging in age from fourteen to sixteen. Adjusting to the Bulgarian school system and working with this age group have been challenging for me. But I'm impressed by those students who pursue English so diligently, those students who see the language as the important tool that it can be for their futures. I have other projects, too. I am working on the Third Annual National Writing Contest for Women's Issues (my first grant proposal ever), and I have recently gotten involved with the Red Cross's youth group. I may begin to teach a night class at the university, if I can manage. I'm also the secretary of the Volunteer Action Committee, and I meet with my Bulgarian tutor for six hours each week. As for my elusive free time, I hope to explore more in the future, because Bulgaria is a truly beautiful country.

Bulgaria is also a country struggling to survive economically and to thrive culturally. I watch people carry on, day after day, and sometimes I wonder how they manage in these hard times. On the other hand, there are days when I look around and can't believe that this is a Peace Corps

country, because the illusion of prior pseudo-prosperity glares so brightly. I see this shiny surface, and I think about all that I don't understand about Bulgaria. What I do understand is the kindness of my Bulgarian friends. It's no great revelation but still an amazing thing to feel that God's love really is everywhere, all over the world. (I've even met some evangelical Christians here in Blagoevgrad.) And the Peace Corps is by no means a flawless organization, but its Volunteers do good work. If you've ever been intrigued by the Peace Corps, I strongly encourage you to find out more; the Volunteers find strength in diversity, and so there's work for everyone! Perhaps I have raised more questions than given answers in this too short letter. I would be glad to provide more information about Bulgaria, the Peace Corps, and/or my experiences. Thanks again for being such a wonderful church family to my family and me!

Love always,

Bev

Beverly Beyer Peace Corps Beverly Beyer BEBBANN BANGP

КОРПҮС НА МИРА

P.O. Box 259

П.К. 259

Sofia 1000, Bulgaria СОФИЯ 1000, БЪЛГАРИЯ

Alamance County Commissioners have appointed a committee to make preparations for a celebration of the county's 150th birthday in 1999. One of the ways this event will be celebrated is through the publication of a cookbook

Residents of Alamance County are invited to submit a recipe for inclusion in the cookbook. Old family recipes would be especially good. However, other favorite recipes may be submitted also. No more than three recipes per family please. We want to include interesting facts about the recipe and perhaps an appropriate photograph. Please include a stamped self addressed envelope for the return of photographs.

The deadline for submission of recipes is May 1, 1998. The committee reserves the right to select the recipes which will be included in the cookbook.

Please help us celebrate`Alamance County's birthday. Send in that extra special recipe. Please type or print very clearly. Also, include a phone number so you can be contacted if there is a question about the recipe. If you have any questions please call 376-3297.

You may send your recipes to members of the Cookbook Committee for the Sesquicentennial Committee: Carol Loy 9159 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Liberty, N.C. 27298, Bobbie Teague 220 Teague Trail Snow Camp, N.C. 27349, Nanny McBane 76908 NC 87 Snow Camp, N.C. 27349, Kathy Hirsch 413 Wildwood Lane, Granam N.C. 27253, Hazel Iseley 3265 Burchbridge Road, Burlington, N.C. 27217, Marian Maynard 1232 Westmoreland Drive, Burlington, N.C. 27217, Frances Gerringer 4307 N C 87 North Elon College, N.C. 27244, or Carol Guthrie 8005 Mac Lane, Snow Camp, N.C. 27349.

Thank you for your help in this endeavor.



CALLING ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE!

I want to introduce you to a new fun and exciting program at our church. The program is called FIRST PLACE. FIRST PLACE is a Christ-centered health program for EVERYONE. The program runs 13 weeks at a time and the class meets once a week. At the current time, we are meeting in the Seekers Classroom at 7 pm on Thursday nights. The program is full of variety! It includes weekly prayer, Scripture readings, daily Bible studies, and much more. For those of you who have tried other diets, believe me, this is like nothing you've ever tried. If you are interested in joining our fantastic group or would like more information, please contact Lesli Denny, Phone # 605-0965 (w) or 292-0786 (h).

15 February 1998

Dear Arch (& company!)-

I received the scholarship check this past week and am extremely grateful and appreciative of the support the ECCC family continually gives me. Thank you very much for the generosity and also for the gift for preaching in December.

School is going well - I'm enjoying myself much more now that I have decreased my class load some! I'm able to enjoy my field education placement much more and have more freedom to spend time with the undergraduates who are part of the Fellowship I am working with.

Classes are challenging as always and I am looking into the possibility of doing a couple of Reading courses this summer. Also, I have the opportunity to be the Vanderbilt Divinity School UCC representative to the Board of Homeland Ministries. I'm looking forward to being a part of that. Among other thing, it means I will attend their Annual Meeting in Cleveland in April.

My hope that this finds you well and happy!

Peace, Heather A story from your Global Ministries.

"... Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32, NRSV)

INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

Global Ministries missionaries in South Africa Bob and Nelda Thelin find hope in the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission which is dealing with human rights violations of the apartheid era. Proceedings are televised weekly. Bob and Nelda report the difficulty lies in determining whether a crime was committed for political reasons, in which case amnesty may be granted, or for personal/racial reasons. While the work of the Commission is opening old wounds, the Thelins note that "opportunities for healing are there."

During one report they observed a Catholic priest in a meeting of the Commission confronting two white policemen who had been sent to assassinate him some years before in the Durban airport, but who did not go through with their plans because of the possibility of many innocent casualties in the crowded lobby. At the close of the hearing, they report, the priest reached out his hand to the policemen and invited them to come to his church the next Sunday. "This is the miracle of forgiveness we are seeing here," the Thelins said.

One of the ideas of the Commission, and also of the Faith and Earthkeeping Project at the University of South Africa, is to plant an indigenous tree to commemorate each person who died in the struggle for change. The final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is due to be submitted to the South African government in July.



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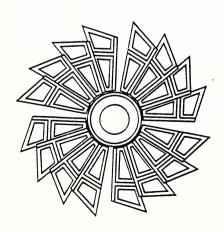
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Newsletter for:

The Christian Mentor

Mentoring has become one of the tag-words for the last decade of the Twentieth Century. The mentor is more than a good role model. The mentor exemplifies the way to live, to do, to act, to respond in the world. The mentor relates the wisdom of his or her years and training one on one to a younger person.

Robert Bly, noted men's issues author, defines the term for the male as "a male-mother." Bly insists that young men need an older, wiser male who teaches them how to walk the many passageways of life. The same is true for young women in today's world.

Henri Nouwen related mentoring to the hands of the father in Rembrandt's famous painting, "The Return of the Prodigal." One of the embracing hands of the father in that painting is a very strong, muscular hand. The other is a soft, nurturing female hand. Both embrace the prodigal in forgiveness and love.

As a child and teen my church family provided many mentors who encouraged me, cautioned me, guided me and matters practical and spiritual. George Gilchrist, was a pastor and wise counsel as I considered my call to ministry. Irv Aiken, was a Sunday School Teacher and Youth leader whose enthusiasm for Christian service was contagious. Richard Probst involved us in choirs and musical dramas. Tainey Belford, rolled with the antics of our mischievous teen minds and taught us about responsibility, forgiveness and renewal. The list goes on and each one stands out a mentor of the Christian life style.

We have so many wonderful mentors at Elon College Community Church who invest themselves faithfully in the lives of children, youth and young adults. They give themselves generously and humbly as teachers, listeners, and guides. They work as volunteers to provide the welcoming embrace to those who are growing, learning, questioning. They become the adult friend to those who need a sounding board or a wise counsel beyond the family. We are blessed with many mentors who provide that ministry.

In my growing years the mentors were there for me. All I needed to do was to be there! I was encouraged by my parents to participate in programs and events that put me with those mentors. Being there provided me with spiritual gifts that continue to nurture and guide me in my Christian journey.

The Christian Mentor is alive and well. Encourage those who are younger than yourself by providing them with the opportunity to be in company with those who will risk sharing their faith. Celebrate those who have been mentors in your life. Give of yourself to another who may look to you for guidance and encouragement.

We all need the embrace of the father-mother of the prodigal.

Be a Christian Mentor.

Faithfully,

Get Ready to Blast Off!



Join us as we launch Space
Mission Bible Camp! You'll enjoy
Fun crafts and games, exciting
daily shows, tasty snacks, lively
music...and new friends!

Launch Site:

Elon College Community Church

Launch Date:

July 27 - 31, 1998

Countdown begins at:

6:30 pm

Reentry at:

8:45 pm

| Drop the following registration form in the offering p | nate |
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| at worship or mail to church office by June 15, 1998 | 3. |
| Name: | |
| Address: | |
| Phone No: | |

Age:_____

Grade in school Fall 98:_____



EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION

Southern Conference - United Church of Christ

200 Davis Road, Hillsborough, NC 27278 919-643-0748, 919-643-0752 (Fax) E-Mail enc-ucc@netpath.net

To the Pastors of the ENC

Greetings!

Your congregation is invited to attend the "Mass Gathering" of the Southern Conference on Thu evening June 11th and Friday evening June 12th in the Gymnasium at Elon College at 7pm. These serv are a celebration of our diversity in worship and our unity in Christ. This will be a time of spiritual rener and refreshment.

On Thursday Rev. Gary Miller will lead our worship. Gary is a gifted preacher and worship leader. Gary has led us in praise at General Synod both with his inspiring words and with his "Celebration Road Sho Jazz band. The combined bell choir along with a brass ensemble and mass choir will provide music during th exciting service.

On Friday Rev. Henry Simmons will be our worship leader. Many of us are familiar with his power preaching and together with a special Mass choir under the direction of Owen Marsh this promises to be an evithe African American worship tradition that we will not want to miss.

We will need the talent and support of the surrounding churches of the ENC to make these events possible. First, we are hoping to gather a mass choir of 80 to 100 people from our churches to sing under the direction of Owen Marsh, Betty Settlemeyer, Gary Miller and his choir director for both services. The Mass C will rehearse on June 6th at 5:00 pm at First Christian UCC in Burlington (see directions) and again at 5:1 Thursday and Friday, June 11 & 12 at the Elon College Fine Arts Building prior to singing in worship at 1 We are exploring possibilities of providing a box dinner for choir members on Thursday and Friday evenings.

Our mass gathering will also include instrumentalists. Bob Lawton will lead a combined bell choir a brass ensemble at the Thursday night service. He will bring four bell choirs from Chapel Hill (youth through adult) and a brass ensemble. Bell choir and brass players from your church are invited to participate and will sent music in advance. The rehearsal is at 5pm on Thursday in the Elon College Gymnasium. Interested? Ca Bob at (919)968-4694.

We will also need ushers, greeters, and most of all, your members to make this truly a mass gatheri of the UCC. Our goal is for each church to bring at least 12 people to worship. Fill up those cars, vans, and by and join us for a truly special time in worship together. Those of us on the worship committee will be calling y personally to gather names of those who will be part of the worship event and to make sure that every congregation invited and encouraged to come. Please use the enclosed bulletin insert to inform your congregation of this special opportunity. These inserts are ready to print back and front for easy use. We hope that you will use the "volunteers needed" insert in April and save the invitational inserts for May when we are getting closer to the t events.

We are so blessed to have each other's support as we seek to serve and praise our God — Let's raise the roof on June 11th and 12th!

With you in Christ's service,

Gavnelle Williamson, Jill Edens, Tim Allen, Ervin Milton, Raymond Hargrove

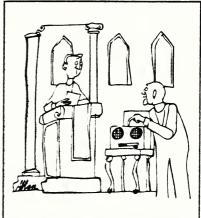


TO FIRST CHRISTIAN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 415 S. Church St. (corner of Church and Davis) Downtown Burlington; tel. 226-7428





MEMORIAL DAY



That's good. Now try it while I play this recording of fourteen babies crying.

Stan Allen (c)MMI

An American T-shirt maker in Miami printed shirts for the Spanish market which promoted the Pope's visit. Instead of the desired "T Saw the Pope" in Spanish, the shirts proclaimed "I Saw the Potato."

(found on the Internet)

CALLING ALL Astronauts

Space Mission Bible Camp to Training Station Leaders are needed to help launch our New Frontiers.

Leaders in the following areas: We need Training Station Sing & Play Blast Off



Have-a-Blast Games Bible Exploration **Mission Munchies**

INTERESTED IN HELPING, TALK TO "YOME HELP US LAUNCH KIDS ON A MISSION OF GOD'S LOVE!" RECKY TODAY.



HELP TURN OUR CHURCH into a

Space Training Center

following items to be either create a "sky's the limit" donated on loaned to help There is a need for the environment.

NEWSPAPER SAFETY PINS

PLANETS PICTURES OF ROCKETS, STARS, 1 ALKA SELTZER TABLETS

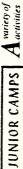
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swimming, making crafts, enjoying campfires, tub stories, and just having a good time. Remember, ing, singing, discovering new friends, sharing in lenges, shooting archery, telling and listening to make the experience both enjoyable and educational. Consider worship, hiking, playing games, accepting chal-"camp gives kids a world of good."

JUNIOR AGE 1

June 21-27; \$198.00; grades 4, 5 & 6; mainsite directed by Rev. Brent Price

JUNIOR AGE 2

July 5-11; \$198.00; grades 4, 5 & 6; mainsite directed by Ms. Nora Driver &

BEGINNERS

directed by Ms. Sue Howell & Rev. James Humphrey July 19-22; \$108.00; Grade 3 only; mainsite camp First time campers get a sampling of Johns River.

EXPLORERS

mainsite and outpost by spending half the week in Young campers can experience the best of both July 19-25; \$198.00; grades 5 & 6 directed by Staff & SCAT Team each location

JUNIOR AGE 3

July 26-August 1; \$198.00; grds. 4, 5, 6; mainsite directed by Rev. Ben Franklin

Bridge JUNIOR HIGH CAMPS

outs. And keep in mind that "camp gives kids a world of list of younger campers short canae trips, visits to new years with challenging new opportunities. Add to the waterfalls, advanced initiatives, and optional camptransition

JUNIOR HIGH 1 (Traditional)

June 14-20; \$198.00; grades 7, 8 & 9; mainsite camp directed by Rev. Gary Owen Rev. Steven Butler

JUNIOR HIGH 2 (Recreation)

June 28-July 4; \$198.00; grades 7, 8 & 9; mainsite camp (for campers who can bring their own mountain bike & Options for recreation camp include mountain biking helmet), camping, and expanded opportunities using various gaming models for recreation and growth. directed by Rev. John Roberts

JUNIOR HIGH OUTPOST

Campers live in A frame cabins removed from mainsite directed by Rev. C. L. "Curly" Stumb & Rev. Jeff Hammonds and fire building. This camp also features an extended cooking, orienteering, trail maintenance, lantern care aren, and develop outdoor living skills that include July 5-11; \$208.00; grades 7, 8 & 9; outpost site canoe trip on an area river.

SENIOR HIGH CAMPS

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Camp gives kids - of

camp activities, with opportunities... to renew friendships from past camps, share life amidst a community of faith, any age -- a world of good. Senior High camps offer a diversity of choices, from the traditional mainsite camp to the high adventure outpost experience. All offer a variety of and just enjoy a fun filled week of recreation

SENIOR HIGH ADVENTURE

pelling, group initiatives, and wilderness camping. Life at the A-frames blends the fun of campfire circles, the Campers are challenged by high-adventure activities including white water rafting, rock climbing and rapresponsibilities of shared living, and the discipline of directed by Rev. Ron Price & Rev. Scott Woody June 14-20; \$248.00; grades 9-12; outpost site spiritual journeys.

SENIOR HIGH (Traditional)

Family and interest groups, water activities, night at Aframes, trip to Harper Falls, and a dance are all compodirected by Rev. Lee Jessup & Mr. Bryan Stewart July 12-18; \$198.00; grades 9-12; mainsite nents of this vibrant camp.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Send \$20.00 registration fee with completed form to: C. L. "Curly" Stumb, director

Johns River Valley Camp; 1055 Niley Cook Road, Blowing Rock, NC 28605 🔾 Registrations should be postmarked at least two weeks before the beginning of any given program. Some events and camps may fill up earlier. 🛭 Advance fee applies toward total cost of camp. Registration fees are refundable when a 30 day notice is given prior to the camp.

D Persons will receive withous follow-up Information after the registration has been processed (te medical forms for camps, travel directions, etc.).

Wowing procedures will generally place persons from the same church in different cabins except for first time funlar campers when parents make a special request. Experience has demonstrated that this philosophy enhances the camp experience for all and facilitates campers' motivation to nathe new friends. Grade level Is rising, or nest year's class. Pastor's signature should be acquired when eligible for local scholarship. Note one change from previous years: rising ninth grade students may register for either Junior High or Senior High camps.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

ATTENTION INTERESTED PERSONS...

Curriculum is easy to teach and fun. Thank Sign up to teach some summer Sunday(s). you in advance for sharing your faith with Please help give our regular "School year" summer. Look for sign up sheets outside Sunday School teachers a break for the the classroom doors (2yrs. old - Youth). our children and youth.



OUTHNEWS....

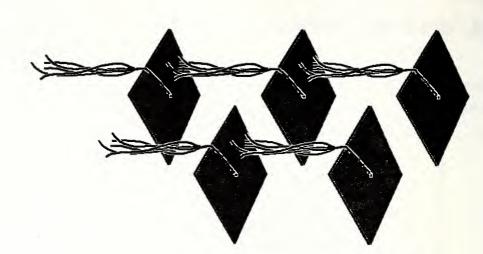
We're having a PARTY!

lore info. will follow. So



hanks for everyone's articipation this year.





GRADUATIONS

daughters, etc. for their accomplishments. Please and Graduate schools are fast approaching. Our GRADUATIONS from High Schools, Colleges, call the church office with all the information! church would like to recognize your sons,



Congratulations!

REFLECTIONS OF CARING AND FRIENDSHIP

"You brightened the day in such a special way! Thank you very much."

Arch,

Words cannot express our thankfulness for your presence with us on Monday. We are so thankful to be a member of such a loving church family!

Robin & Mike

"A time for thanks, A time to say God bless you now and every day."

TO THE ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH FAMILY Thank you and bless you for being so special!"

Thank you for your many prayers!

Tina Wright

Dear Elon College Community Church,

Thank you so very much for the baby shower. It was a really nice surprise. We appreciate everything. I really enjoyed working there and miss every one.

Thank you again for all that vou've done.

Scott, Elizabeth, Bryan & Buby!

(Brandon Dakota Langley was born on Sat. April 4- 9lbs. 40z!)

Dear Arch,

Hello! Thank you so much for your latest package of good things to read. I really do appreciate your words of encouragement. They do such good against pangs of homesickness! All is well here. My second semester seems to be easier, in part due to a schedule that concentrates my more challenging classes all to Monday and Tuesday mornings. I've also started teaching part of a night class through the American University of Bulgaria, and that I really enjoy. The weather has been glorious - good for running and for the produce supply at the bazaar. I hope that this finds you and your family well. Take care!

Love

Bev

Our New Members

Palm Sunday April 5, 1998 Associate Members

Jim L. Boyles and Lou K. Boyles 1629 Wycliff Court (Twin Lakes) Burlington NC 27215 (336) 538-1019

Jim and Lou are members of Congregational United Church of Christ in Greensboro and have retired in the Twin Lakes Community. Jim has been a deacon, Sunday School Teacher of Teens, a choir member and an usher prior to his retirement. Lou has served as a Trustee and on the finance committee of their church. In more active days he liked golf, hunting and fishing. Lou lists gardening, sewing and cooking as her hobbies! Dr. Bill Andes will be their sponsor-friend.

Members By Affirmation

Joseph Norman Davis and Rebekah Sacco Davis 512 West Gilbraith Street Graham, NC 27253 (336) 229-4756

Joe and Bekah are Elon Graduates and have been attending here for several months. Bekah sings in the Chancel Choir. In addition to singing she lists reading and sewing as hobbies. She is a teacher at Graham Middle School. Joe is an Eagle Scout who works for Audio & Light, Inc in Greensboro. He lists photography, reading and home repairs as his interest in addition to his career.

Jerry & Betty Dillashaw will be their sponsor-friends.

Tisha Marie Shaffer 107 Glenwood Avenue Burlington, NC 27215 (336) 229-9835

Tisha is an Elon College graduate who works with her fiancé, Opie Ciaccio at Pique Emroidery in Greensboro. She loves craft work, especially stamping, roller blading and walking. She and Opie plan to be married here in June of 1999! Joy Aitcheson is her sponsor.

Charles Turner Firethorn Trail lington NC 27244 (5) 584-5835

has been an associate member of our church since his Elon College days. A luate of Elon, he has taught, worked with Boy Scouting as an Assistant leader and as ember of the Order of the Arrow. He enjoys working with youth, ushering, teaching day School and the like. His plans include applying for In-Care Status with the ENC ociation and to begin seminary training within the next year to seek ordination as a ch minister in the U.C.C.

k Danieley was his sponsor when he became an associate member and will continue nat capacity now.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS....

The Women's fellowship invites everyone to their Annual General Meeting on June 1, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House. This will be a covered dish dinner and we will welcome Brenda James of the St. Stephen U.C.C. in Greensboro to speak on the topic, "Becoming a Church For All God's People, Multi-racial and Multi-cultural." Brenda is Chair of the American Missionary Association Division of the Board for Homeland Ministries. (The AMA was founded as a result of the Amistad event and the desire of Christians in the New England area to continue their ministry to Africans both here and abroad.)

A business meeting will follow the program with the election of new officers for 98-00 and the adoption of a new budget. Brief circle meetings will conclude the evening.

Summer Conference for Church Women of the Southern Conference will meet at Elon College, June 22-24. Dr. Julia Myers O'Brien will be the featured speaker and Bible study leader. Dr. O'Brien is Professor of Old Testament at Lancaster Seminary in Pennsylvania. She formerly was Professor of Religion at Meredith College in Raleigh. There will be workshops, worship services and opportunities to make and renew friendships across this conference area. Everyone is invited to participate at any or all meetings.

Registration forms are available on first floor Education Wing on the table at the entrance. Register for one, two or all three days for only \$10.00. Meals are available but reservations must be made in advance. Ask Katherine Floyd for more information.

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| Sat | 2 9am Set-up for Service Faire 5pm Service Faire Begins! | 0 | 7:30am Confirmation Retreat Group |
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| Fri | 7 7pm. Special Fridays 7:45pm Shelter Meal -C.E. Board D.C.E.s Day Off | œ | Be the most positive 7:30am and enthusiastic Confirm Person you know Retreat |
| Thu | | 7 | 7:30am Breakfast Club 4pm Terrific Thursdays & Rells |
| Wed | Stop Blaming others. Take responsibility for every area of your life! | 9 | 5pm Juniors Fellowship Mtg 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm A A |
| Tue | | 5 | 8:30 am Clergy 10:30am Staff Mtg. 7:30 Parents Group 7:30 Chrele 3 |
| Mon | | 4 | 10:30am Circle I 7pm Cub/Girl Scouts 7:30pm Circle 2 |
| Sun | | က | 9:45am Sunday Sch. 11am Worship & Communion 5:30 pm Bells |

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| | 900 | 29 Tell your children often how terrific they are and that you trust them! D.C.E.s Day Off | 28 7:30am Breakfast Club 4pm Terrific Thursdays & Bells 7pm Confirmation Celebration Supper | 27 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm A.A. Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage! Pastor's Day Off | 26 10:30 Staff Mtg. Noon: LUNCH BUNCH 7:30 pm Parents Group | 25 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED! Memorial Day USA Remember those who have served their country! |
| | Eon Eon | Measure people by the size of their hearts, not the size of their their bank accounts! D.C.E.S. Day Off Steph, Min Retreat | 21 No Breakfast Club Study 4pm Terrific Thursdays & Bells Pasior on Refreat | 20 9:30am NC Respite Coalition 7pm Chancel Choir 8pm AA Pustor on Retreat | 19 8:30 Clergy group 10:30 Staff Mtg 7:30pm Parents Group | TORCH DEADLINE Tom Stephen Ministry Training Cub/Girl Scouts |
| 1 | Training: Boy Scout Van Trip | | 4pm Terrific Thursdays & Bells | 7pm Cnancei Cnoir 8pm A.A. Pastor's Day Off | Group | 5 |

FROM THE MISSION BOARD

1. Mark your calendar! May 17 is the date! On that day Don and Carla Newman Hardesty, SIM missionaries stationed in La Paz, Bolivia, will participate in the 11:00 a.m. service. Afterwards the congregation will join in a covered-dish lunch to focus further on the Hardestys' work. They are currently on home assignment, living in Chesapeake, Virginia. Plan now to pack your picnic basket and participate in this exciting example of "Living Christ in Today's World."

(Carla is a former resident of Elon College, a graduate of Western High School. Her family still resides in our community.)

NOTE: Set-up of tables, etc. is scheduled for May 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Volunteers are welcome!

2. The congregation has received letters of acknowledgment from two agencies to which contributions were made. The Alamance West Camp of Gideons International expressed appreciation for the gift of \$153.50, an amount which will purchase 32 Bibles or 113 Testaments. Thanks to Dr. Bill Rippy for his leadership in this area.

Church World Service has acknowledged our donation of \$325 to the Blanket Program. Thanks to this generosity, 65 warm blankets helped provide comfort and shelter for those suffering hardships.

3. Members of the Women's Fellowship are faithful and generous in their support of the Food Closet. The Mission Board thanks them for this service and encourages others in the church to become involved in this project. Anyone is invited to bring donations to the church office! Staple foods, paper products, and toiletries are among items needed. See the April Torch for a more detailed listing. (No beans are needed at the present time, please.) Join this on-going mission activity that serves our local community!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees meeting of April 5, 1998, dealt with the following items of interest:

- 1. Church Building Supervisor Harvey Hook reported that the lighting modification-installation program has resulted in an improvement factor of 3 1/2 times in the Sanctuary. He also showed the Board an extension pole "rig", designed for the changing of light bulbs more quickly.
- 2. The Pastor led a discussion relating to Church's Reserve Fund, particularly as relating to the extensive painting requirements coming up this spring. Bids on this work will be received shortly, now that weather conditions are more suitable. Work on church sidewalks has been held in abeyance.
- 3. The Board received word that the Updyke Choral Center was targeted for the Adopt-A-Room program by quite naturally the choir. In addition, the Hurst Sunday School classroom was "adopted" by the Trustees. (The Torch has heard that a number of other church organizations are nearing this action.) It is hoped that the work to be done by these programs, church-wide, will be completed by July 1st.



Is this an age of conspiracy theories or what? A popular bumper sticker says: **Humpty Dumpty was Pushed**.

Thomas Sowell (c)1992 Creators Syndicate

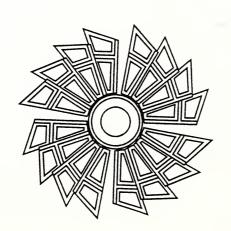


NET TOTALS

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES (12/12) 3 MONTHS

CCB General Checking Acct REPORT DATE: 03/31/98

| ACCOUNT | CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR) | YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR) | BUDGET TO DATE | OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR | ANNUAL BUDGET | YEAR TO D (LAST YE |
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| tucous | 24,958.02 | 50,692.71 | 52,725.48 | 2,032.77 | 210,902.00 | 46,83 |
| TOTAL INCOME TOTAL RENTAL INCOME | 975.00 | 2,925.00 | 3,124.50 | 199.50 | 12,498.00 | 2,85 |
| TOTAL RENTAL INCOME | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 91 |
| TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND | 452.56 | 452.56 | 200.01 | 252.55+ | 800.00 | 89 |
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| TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS | .00 | 191.35 | 37.50 | 153.85+ | 150.00 | 1.2 |
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| TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH | | | 3,733.60 | 11.40+ | 15,138.00 | 3, |
| TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH | 1,515.00 | | 3,733.80 796.80 | 25.47 | 3,500.00 | |
| TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES | 312.50 | | 796.80 | 327.50 | 2,800.00 | 4 |
| TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES | 165.92 | | 601.75 | 264.77 | 1,165.00 | |
| TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES | 300.00 | | 1,575.47 | 976.47 | 6,250.00 | |
| TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP | (P 384.49 | | • | 3,293.48 | | 34, |
| TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES | 13,994.27 | | 35,877.24 | 803.57+ | 50,291.00 | 14, |
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| TOTAL Misc Expense Accts | .00 | | | | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 21,727.30 | 51,896.14 | 56,242.58 | | 225,360.00 | |
| NET TOTALS | 5,912.35 | | | | | 2, |







3524 Lydia Lane Modesto, CA 95357-0706 April 1998

Dear family and friends,

I want to let you know I have moved. Please send all my mail now to the above address. My phone number here is (209)551-2440. After several years at Casa de Modesto, on March 15th I moved to the home of Jim and Nan.

This was not something I might have chosen, but seemed the best solution for now. I was becoming increasingly shaky and unsteady on my feet and was having trouble eating well in the dining hall at Casa de Modesto without assistance. It all came to a head in the early morning hours of February 27th when I fell in my bathroom. I managed to call for help, and the duty aide came and got me up to my bed. I was in a great deal of pain, and she felt it best to call Jim to take me to the hospital emergency room. X-rays revealed that I had cracked a couple of ribs. I also bruised and shook myself up considerably.

Fortunately I did not require hospitalization, but did require considerable assistance after returning to my room at Casa de Modesto. I was not able to go to the dining hall for a couple of days, so my meals were brought to my room. I was in a great deal of pain even with strong medication. Someone had to get me up, help me to the bathroom, get me dressed, assist me in eating, get me undressed and to bed at night, give my medications, and help me get up during the night if necessary - essentially I needed 24-hour assistance for awhile. Fortunately Jim was able to perform day duty from getting me up to putting me to bed. Temporarily, the staff was able to take care of my night calls. I was being wheeled in a wheelchair much of the time when leaving my room then, although now I am able to use my walker in the house.

After about ten days of this routine, Jim was able to hire some private duty care for a couple of hours in the morning and evening for the rest of the time I was in Casa de Modesto. The prognosis for healing of cracked ribs is four to six weeks, but even then I would need more assistance than previously. There was no good alternative care space immediately available, so Jim and Nan decided to move me to their home. The old master bedroom already had been remodeled with a handicapped bathroom, so it is convenient, and my recliner is in the living room. They make sure I eat well and have some aides come in to give me a bath several times a week.

As I near my 97th birthday in May, I realize that my body is not as spry as it used to be. I am indeed fortunate that Jim and Nan can care for me at this time.

Love to you all,



Spencer W. Bradford Executive Director

Allied Ministries

Ministries Center Offices 910-229-0881 Facsimile 910-229-4265

Christian Assistance Network 910-229-1519

Good Shepherd Community Kitchen* 910-229-4343

> Emergency Night Shelter* 910-222-0749

Caring & Sharing Ministries 910-229-0881



Allied Churches of Alamance County, Inc.

206 N Fisher Street • PO Box 2581 Burlington, NC 27216-2581

March 14, 1998

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Mary C Ruth 214 Pinedale Dr Elon College NC 27244-9361

To Our Wonderful Shelter Supper Volunteers,

Thank you for your outstanding service to the Emergency Night Shelte during the past year. We and our guests are very grateful for the delicious mea and Christian fellowship you have provided us.

I am writing to let you know that, as is usual, we will revert back to of summer operating hours effective Sunday, April 5, when Daylight Savings Timbegins. The shelter will open at 8:00 P.M., with supper being served at 8:3 P.M. This change will be in effect until Daylight Savings Time ends in Octobe 1998.

Also, if the information we have regarding your scheduled serving day address, telephone, etc. is incorrect or incomplete, or if you are no longer the coordinator for your church or group, please make changes to the form at the bottom of this letter and return to me.

Thanks again so very much!

Very truly yours,

J. William Russell III

Associate Executive Director

JWR:hs

Church or Group: Elon College Community U C C Supper Day:1st Fri

Coordinator: Mary C Ruth

Address: 214 Pinedale Dr, Elon College NC 27244-9361

Telephone Number (Res): 584-4619

(Office):

Area Churches Allied in Christian Service

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES FARMWORKER FACT SHEET



What brings farmworkers to North Carolina?

Cucumbers (pickles), tobacco, sweet potatoes, peppers, apples. Christmas trees, and other crops draw at least 95,000 seasonal and 55,000 migrant farmworkers here. North Carolina ranks fifth in the U.S. in the number of migrant farmworkers.

What economic and cultural benefits do these workers and their families bring to our state?

Each farmworker's labor contributes more than \$12,000 in profits to North. Carolina agriculture each year. Also, farmworkers pay social security and other taxes and buy food and other consumer goods. Farmworkers are 97% Hispanic and have strong family values. a sturdy work ethic, a religious spirit, and a sense of community. They also bring the gifts of food, music, crafts, and language to our common life.

FARMWORKER CHILDREN

- have greater infant mortality; higher rates of parasitic infections, malnutrition, and dental disease; lower rates of immunization
- typically complete 7.7 years of schooling, compared with 12.5 years for the general population
- mostly do not finish high school and therefore find few alternatives to farmwork
- may be working from 16 to 18 hours per week by the time they are 12

What are the special problems of farmworkers?

Farm work is the most dangerous occupation in the U.S. It has a high rate of accidents and the highest incidences of toxic chemical injury, heat stress, flu, pneumonia, and tuberculosis. Few farmworkers have health insurance. Medicaid coverage, or workers compensation. Farmworker families have an average annual income of \$7500 and are not often covered by minimum wage laws.

How can churches help farmworkers?

Churches can provide services in Spanish at times convenient to the workers, interpreters, transportation to worship and clinics, youth ministry, assistance with day care, help with immigration problems, assistance in setting up co-ops and credit unions, understanding of labor issues, and support and advocacy for farmworker organizing and programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR HELP WITH PROGRAMS, CONTACT

The North Carolina Council of Churches Farmworker Ministry Committee Attn: Sister Evelyn Mattern or

1307 Glenwood Ave., Suite 162

Raleigh, NC 27605 919-828-6501 National Farmworker Ministry
Farm Labor Organizing Committee

Attn: Matt Emmick Daniel Opoku Rt. 1, Box 315

Benson, NC 27504 919-894-7241







In 1840 the letters G.T.T. meant – Gone to Texas – in 1998 they mean we're Going to Texas

The 1998 U.C.C. Bus Tour to TEXAS

SPONSORED BY: THE SOUTHERN CHAPTER OF THE E. & R. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OCTOBER 5 to OCTOBER 16, 1998 - 12 days

Daily Itinerary: to include, but not limited to:

- Day 1. Pickup: (at least at) W-S, Greensboro, Lexington, Statesville. See and stay at Stone Mountain
- Day 2. Montgomery (Jasmine Hill), Birmingham (Arlington House), to Mobil, AL.
- Day 3. Bellingrath Gardens, to New Orleans (Basin St.) Stay in French Quarter.
- Day 4. New Orleans. Aquarium, steamboat, Jackson Sq., St. Louis Cathedral, etc.
- Day 5. Swamp tour, on to Houston, TX.
- Day 6. Historical Society meeting. The turning basin tour.
- Day 7. Worship. On to San Antonio. The River walk.
- Day 8. The Alamo, Missions, a boat ride on river.
- Day 9. The L.B. J. ranch, on to Marshall TX. (home of the East Texas Fire Ant Festival)
- Day 10. To Jackson, MS and the Natchez Trace Parkway. Night at Tupelo, MS
- Day 11. Finish the Trace, to Nashville and on to Sevierville for the night. Dinner at the Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant part of the Apple Barn.
- Day 12. We return to NC, perhaps a bit tired, but happy.

Remit to Rev. Nelson Weller, 2940 Wesleyan Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Costs: Double occupancy - \$990.00/person
Triple Occupancy - \$965.00/person
Quad. Occupancy - \$940.00/person
Single rate - price on request.

Provided: All admissions, daily breakfast (except New Orleans) and at least 8 dinners or lunches. Total possible participants: 98 persons plus the staff. Early registration suggested. Deposit: (returnable, in full, up to Aug. 15) \$100.00 with registration.

Balance due August 15.

Your Tour Committee: Rev. Banks D. Shepherd Rev. Lawrence R. Bolick Rev. Nelson A. L. Weller

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| Roommate(s) | | |
| Type of room: Double | (\$976.00), Triple(\$986.00), Quadruple(\$976.00), Single | |
| Amount enclosed: \$ | (balance due by August 15, 1998) Checks to: U.C.C. Bus Tour. | |





THE RELAY EXPRESS!

Dear Friends:

I will be walking in the Relay for Life Cancer walk again this year. The walk will be held May 29-30 at the Burlington Airport. I will again walk in memory of my mother and my best friend's son who both died in 1989 of cancer. I will also walk in honor of the many cancer survivors of our church.

Last year with your help I was able to raise just over \$900. I hope to match that, even better surpass it. With you help I can do it. Please make out a check to: American Cancer Society and either mail to me at 1637 Regency Drive, Burlington, NC 27215, or give it to me at church. I will need to turn the money in by May 28. Thank-you so much for your suppot.

If anyone is interested in joining me as a walk we still have room on my team. At present we have 10 walkers and we can have up to 15 walkers. If interested please call me at 584-2683.

Thank you for your support

Ann Acquilano

BUY STOCK IN TODAY'S YOUTH \$\$

Beginning on May 10, 1998, you will be given the opportunity to "buy stock in Today's Youth". For just \$10.00 per share you can have an investment in this year's Youth Mission Trip.

Your contribution will help provide the last \$450.00 the youth need to finance this year's trip. Your stock investment will entitle you to join all the participants for a special meal and program following our return.

THANK YOU!

erything He Said Is True

Wayne Hepburn

fear we fled Jerusalem, st we be caught and share the fate, him we thought to be Messiah; vior of our people's state.

safe escape our only goal, nile to Emmaus we were bound, e hoped to go unnoticed there; e hoped that we would not be found.

along the road we walked,
e met a man with whom we talked.
told us strange and wondrous things,
om Holy Writ the deep meanings,
revelations old and new,
what our Savior had to do;
whe must suffer long and die,
live again in God on high.

ur hearts within us burned it seemed, ith understanding clear and deep, nat in his death we were redeemed; nen we awoke as from a sleep, nd recognized him face to face. The vanished then without a trace.

ack to the upper room we sped, o tell the others what we'd seen, and what we heard and now we knew, not he had risen from the dead, om the Scriptures we had gleaned, not everything he said is true.



Springtime Peace

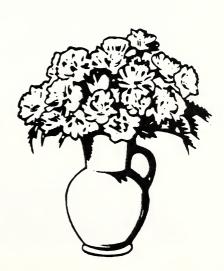
by Helen Kitchell Evans

Slow down my friend, slow down. Enjoy the morning birds that sing. Slow down my friend and see, God's lovely work is happening.

Slow down and let some springtime air, Becalm your rushing hours.
Slow down a bit to smell and see,
God's brilliant springtime flowers.

Slow down my friend, slow down; Enjoy the beauty of God's earth, Slow down and watch in pure delight, The Master's bringing forth new birth.

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NURTURING CHILDREN IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AT HOME

- 1. Actions and Words Parents are children's most important models for Christian discipleship. They learn most by our examples of lifestyle, decisions, and priorities; by what we say and do, and by what we do not say, and do not do!
- 2. Pray Pray with your children. Bedtime and meals are two traditional times for daily prayer. Pray during times of transition, holidays, moments of crisis or celebration.
- 3. Celebrate Celebrate the church year in your home. Learn about traditions in your church and family. Celebrate important individual and family times of transition.
- 4. Worship Our faith is centered in the Christian community worshipping together. We are members of the Body of Christ, not isolated individuals or families.
- 5. Eat Together Eating meals together as a family nourishes our spirits as well as our bodies. Find time on a regular basis, daily or weekly, to eat meals together. Whether it's fast food or a cooked meal, sit down and break bread together!
- 6. Talk Talk with your children about what is going on in their lives and yours. Discuss how the Christian faith is involved in news events and in daily experiences. Ask questions and wonder together about God's world and how to live our lives as followers of Christ.
- 7. Reclaim Sabbath Seek times of rest and relaxation as a family. Take time out of your busy lives to "be" together. Play, experience the natural world, step back from daily responsibilities, and enjoy one another's companionship. These can be transforming, grace filled moments!
- 8. Tell Stories Read and tell stories of the faith to your children. Share stories about people in the Bible, in history, in your family and in the news who struggle to live in God's way.
- 9. Service and Stewardship Loving compassion, mercy and reaching out to others on behalf of Christ are core values of being a disciple of Christ. Find ways as a family to care for and minister to others. Give your time, talent and treasure to the church to show your children the priority the Christian mission has in your life. Help them to find ways to be stewards too.
- 10. Grow Invest in your own spirituality and growth in faith. Children will grow in faith if adults grow in theirs. Maturing in faith is the task of a lifetime!

Strengthening Families for Change



PRAYER BOOK - A FAMILY ACTIVITY

As a family, make your own prayer book to use as you begin to develop a prayer life. Make sure that all family members contribute to this book with their art work, selection of prayers and copying or creating their own prayers.

Materials:

- A blank book purchased from a store like a "write you own" book, scrapbook or sketch book; OR make your own with typing/computer paper or construction paper. A cover can be made from poster board, wallpaper, or a file folder or other sturdy paper material.
- Stapler or hole punch and fasteners to hold your book together.
- Pens, markers, crayons, pencils can be used to write and decorate your book. A computer can also be used to type and print your prayers.
- Look for prayers in the Bible and/or denominational worship book, and ask friends and church members for suggestions.

Using a variety of resources, find prayers that your family might like to use. Here are some ideas.

- The Prayer of Our Savior
- St. Francis Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace
- Psalms 118:1; 5:1-3; 66:1-2
- Traditional prayers from your denomination's hymnbook or prayer book.

After the prayers have been typed, printed or written, decorate the pages with pictures and symbols that illustrate the meaning of the prayers.

Add blank pages and have family members write their own prayers or complete "formula prayers" by filling the blanks; for example,

| "We give you thanks O | God for this meal. We give you special thanks for |
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| | We bless your name. Amen." |

Keep your Family Prayer book in a place that you will readily use it and continue to add to it as your family's prayer life grows.

Strengthening Families for Change



Produced by and for members of the National Council of Churches of Christ Committee on Family Ministries and Human Sexuality.

Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services Flowers for May

- 03 Dr. & Mrs. M. Shotzberger
- 10 Judge & Mrs. Marsh McLelland
- 17 Mrs. Evelyn Terrell
- 24 Dr. & Mrs. William Rippy 31 Dr. & Mrs. Dick Rinker

- 03 Jeff Wilkins, Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, Bill Ruth
- 10 Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley
- 17 Robin Woody, Tommy Oakley, Stan Willard, Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose
- 24 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins,
- Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath 31 Dick Rinker, George Troxler, Bill Linde

Acolytes for May

- 03 Derrick Horner/Jessica Horner
- 10 Miranda Rich/Rebecca Petty
- 17 Christine Fogleman/Anna Wilkins
- 24 Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley
- 31 Claire Welborn/Zach Welborn

Greeters for May

- 03 Ralph and Hilda Oxford
- 10 Mary Cunningham/Ruth Dunn
- 17 Jim and Lorene Lyon
- 24 Ken and Lou Harper
- 31 Martin and Edith Shotzberger

Nursery for

- 03 Eric & Melodie Allshouse
- 10 George & Carol Oakley
- 17 Ellie Ketchum/Leigh Ann Denny
- 24 Heidi Daniely/Susan Heinzerling
- 31 Ann & Kim Acquilano

Second Hour Child Care

- 03 Sue Brown/Lydia Troxler
- 10 Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley
- 17 Bill Linde/Katherine Floyd
- 24 Jean & Bill Motley
- 31 Patsy Oliver/Marie Wilkins

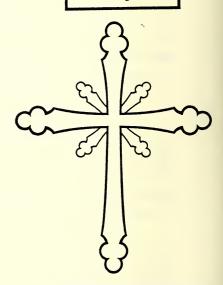
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- Mar. 22 154 Mar. 29 - 195 Apr. 05 - 204 Apr. 12 - 324 Apr. 19 - 135 Apr. 26 - 143
- Mar. 25 Lenten Service 144
- Apr. 09 Maundy Thursday Service 65
- Apr. 10 Good Friday Service 47

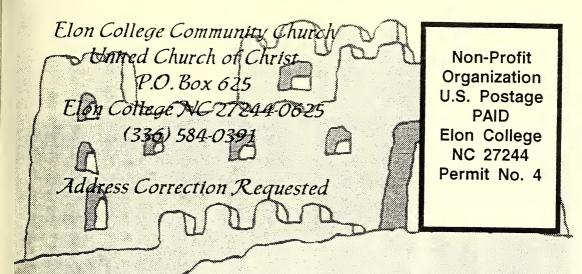
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National Day of Prayer







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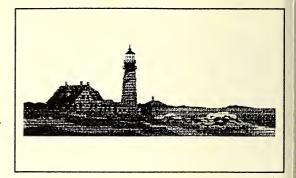
NEWSLETTER FOR:



From the Pastor. . . .

Responding from the Mission Outpost

Before we know it school will begin again! Year-Round School Children have already returned to their classrooms. Others will follow shortly. College classes will resume in a few weeks. An entire new community of Elon Students will arrive here for the first time.



Summer schedules will be replaced by all of the activities that are a part of education.

Here at Elon College Community Church we have a mission that relates directly to these seasonal changes. We are a mission outpost to our own children and their families and to the many college students who will become a part of our own over the next few years. As a community of Christians we are called upon to respond from our mission outpost to the community around us.

How?

In many ways. The list below may help you find your place in outreach at the beginning of the school year. Choose one or more of the opportunities and let us know that you want to help!

- □ Pray for Teachers and Educators in our neighboring institutions.
- □ Be a sponsor friend to a team member on Football Sunday. (Aug. 23)
- □ Adopt a college student at Elon, providing care packages, visits, notes and fellowship.
- □ Write a note of appreciation to teachers or assistants regularly during the school year.
- □ Volunteer to help coordinate an Educator Appreciation Sunday here at Elon UCC.
- ☐ Greet our youth and visiting students every Sunday. Become a church friend!

- ☐ Pray for and encourage students at all levels of education.
- ☐ Invite a visiting college student to have lunch with you on Sunday Morning.
- □ Adopt one of our own church College students at other colleges by writing or sending care packages regularly.
- □ Volunteer through the Chaplain's Office at the College to be a listener and spiritual friend to a student.
- □ Volunteer at local schools!
 - □ Support our Sunday School Teachers by attending class regularly and by praying for them!

Education helps us to grow mentally and spiritually. Those who are involved in that process need our support. And who knows? We might learn and grow, too!

On behalf of an Educator from Nazareth,

From Becky's Desk.....

Reflections on Carolina Cross Connection

Most of the time when we think of "being in mission", we think about all the needs We're going to meet. We think about how much We are going to give to someone. We don't usually give much thought as to what we will receive from the whole experience. And yet, that is precisely what happens - we receive so much. God takes us to real people, who help us, who bring us back to a center or help us discover a center for the first time.

I came close to God during our week at Carolina Cross Connection. I came close to God as we worshiped together, played together, sang together, shared meals together, laughed and cried together. At the end of each day, I was physically tired, but spiritually rejuvenated, because I knew I had come close to God. I had come close to God, not only through the community we built at camp, but also through the people we met in the mountain area.

There is satisfaction in knowing our work made improvements to some people's homes. So I feel we accomplished much, but I learned so much more. I heard many stories of one's life journey. I learned what it means to survive without much family in the rural mountain area. I saw the pride of mountain people; some who had little to give, yet gave to us what they could, even if it was just a cool drink. I saw a grandmother who was the "daycare" for her two grandchildren. I saw a woman who was basically an outcast of her own family and I felt her excitement to have someone to share her day. I met a widow who had the very strength of the mountains as she related her story and her battle with cancer to me. I saw fear in a daughter's eyes concerning a mother who had been placed back in a nursing home. I saw family members empowered to help with the task. I learned it was not so much how much work we got done, but the fact that we were present: present to listen, to pray, to share our lives and to share in their life. I heard youth share new insights as they realized how trivial are many of their complaints. I witnessed youth who began to recognize their gifts and to celebrate and appreciate those gifts. I felt close to God.

One of the "means of grace" is to participate in "acts of mercy". In other words, I felt God's love and grace by participating in these acts of service. I have been to the mountaintop and I will never be the same.

In Christ's Service,

Becky

Expressions of some of the youth and adults who participated in Carolina Cross Connection, June 28, 1998:

Becky:

I just wanted to say that Arch has been preaching about blessings for a number of weeks and as I have reflected last night on our mission trip to Ashe, Alleghany, and Wilkes counties, where we spent our week working, I have felt that we were blessings to some folks who had lots of needs. Not just physical needs of some things repaired and done at their homes, but I saw an awful lot of lonely people who needed to have some young folks enter their life, to spend some time with them, talk with them, and see their youthful enthusiasm spread into their lives. And that is what I feel happened during this past week. It's an awesome faith experience.

Marie Wilkins:

I think what Becky said was true. It was truly more than just going out to doing some service work. It was truly a faith experience for each of us. It can best be summed up by "little" Jeff as we pulled out of camp yesterday. He jumped in the van and slammed the door, and said, "Man, that was an awesome week!" And it was! We helped lots of people with lots of needs. We felt ourselves begin to build a community of faith among those of us that were in the camp. I think there were six other church there. Six-orseven? There were approximately sixty to seventy campers. So we built a community among ourselves, as well, and had lots of opportunities to reflect on our own faith and what it means to be a "fisher of men" and what it means to truly live Christ in Today's World. We had the opportunity to do that this week and it was awesome. Thank you for all the support. One of the things that I was really touched or really impressed me about this trip was there was some much organization and leg work that goes before a project of this size. We can really thank all of you for your financial and moral support, but I think we especially need to give thanks to Becky Peeler because she did all the leg work involved in organizing this and encouraging of those of us who went to participate. We are so better for having gone.

Matthew Woody

It was a really good week and I enjoyed it alot. I really learned that it was work, but it was work for God, and we spread the love of Christ through our work. It wasn't about just going out and working, it was about spreading the love. And the only payment that we had was the smiles that we put on the people's faces and that was more than enough to see those people and the joy we put into their lives by going and working for them.

Matt Mayse

I had a really good time and I just want to thank all the adults, Marie, Becky, and Barry. All who made it possible for us to go - bake sales, and everyone that donated goods and everyone that bought something.

Lydia Troxler

I just want to say that when we went I didn't really have any expectations of what we were about to do, and I couldn't have expected what we got, I guess. This is like the cleanest we have been in a week. And at first, I didn't like sleeping with only three walls, and I didn't like the showers, and I was really prissy. I think it taught me that I don't have to be as prissy as I am, I guess. I think it was really neat that every day, nine little groups went out to nine different places, and I think it meant so much more for the people that we worked for than even we know, because of some of the things that counselors said. It was just a really, really neat experience. It will be going on all summer at different camp sites and it's going to be going on next summer, and we're all really excited and we want to go back next summer.

Kim Acquilano

I'd like to continue on about what Lydia said, about how much we helped the people. I didn't fully expect to see what I saw. I expected to see people that were poverty stricken. My group went to this person's house and the lady's husband had died a few days before and nobody knew it until we got there. It was the day of the funeral, and we were shocked, and it was so awful, it really touched me. Our leader went back and he said that the lady said we were her angels for the week. That was really, the best touching part to me and I would like to thank everyone here for helping us to go up there.



Jack Flynn ©MMI





Board of Trustees Notes

At the ECCC Board of Trustees meeting of June 14, a number of items of current interest were discussed. They were as follows:

- 1. Katherine Floyd, the church moderator, paid the Board a visit and presented a check from the Women's Fellowship in the amount of \$257.00, representing a gift to be used towards the cost of a new refrigerator in the Parish House kitchen. The gift was graciously accepted.
- 2. Earl Danieley was also a visitor at this meeting, and presented follow-up information on the use of shrubbery being offered to the church by the college. In addition, Earl brought up the topic of an overall beautification plan; and, in the process, displayed a colorful rendition of what the front area of the church grounds would look like. This sketch, (more like a work of art) was done by Wayne McBride, who is the landscape architect retained by the college.

The Trustees were much in favor of the ideas expressed, and will see that this sketch is displayed prominently in the Narthex, or some similar place.

- 3. Painting of certain Sunday School rooms was discussed.
- 4. Paul Fairfield presented (for information only) a report on the installation of an elevator at some location in the church complex.

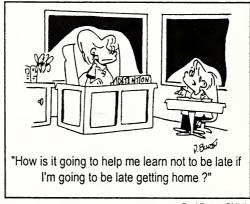


Chas. Dennis ©MMI

Board of Trustees Notes

The Trustees of Elon College Community Church discussed the following items at their July, 1998 meeting:

- The air conditioner on part of the Educational Wing needed repair and is now in working order. These older units are still operating well. Regarding the church's units, Rahco has asked the Board to consider an overall AC/Htg equipment maintenance service. No action was taken on this at this time.
- 2. The Board's decision on its own Adopt-A-Room program i.e., work on the Hurst Room was considered, and plans were made to get the needed action under way.
- Church Moderator, Katherine Floyd, paid a brief visit to the meeting, and joined the Board members in on-going action on the improvements needed in the church kitchen, mainly dealing with the purchase of a new refrigerator, as well as needed changes in cabinetry.
- 4. Paul Fairfield continued his presentation of general information concerning various factors involved in the installation of an elevator.



Paul Burton ©MMI



FINANCES

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES (12/12) 5 MONTHS

CCB General Checking Acct REPORT DATE: 85/31/98

| ACCOUNT | CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR) | YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR) | | OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR | ANNUAL BUDGET | YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR) | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| INCOME | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | 24,198.28 | 91,164.82 | 87,375.90 | 3,289.82+ | 210,702.88 | 79,678.77 | |
| TOTAL RENTAL INCOME | 1,225.00 | 4,158.28 | 5,207.50 | 1,057.50 | 12,499.00 | 4,157.06 | |
| TOTAL OFFICE INCOME | . 28 | .38 | .98 | .38 | .88 | 8.58 | |
| TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND | . 30 | . 38 452.56 | 333.35 | .98 119.21+ | 300.30 | 392.11 | |
| TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES | .29 | .89 | 20.85 | 28.35 | 59.38 | .88. | |
| TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS | .20 | 191.35 | 62.50 | 129.85+ | | .88 | |
| TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIF | | 2,015.25 .00 2,016.26+ | | | | | |
| TOTAL Interest | 11.31 | 721.84 | | 471.84+ | | 466.27 | |
| TOTAL Misc. Income Accts | | .28 | .93 | .39 | .88 | 2,017.50 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | 25,566.89 | | 93,750.08 | 4,946.83+ | 225,380.38 | 67,539.62 | |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME | . 28 | 1,762.26 | . 38 | 1,762.26+ | .88 | 184.41 | |
| TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH | . 38 | 175.00 | 1,415.00 | 1,240.00 | 2,458.88 | 166.00 | |
| TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH | 1,115.20 | 4.375.98 | 4, 354, 39 | 19.78+ | 15, 139, 38 | 5.467.38 | |
| TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES | 1,241.50 | 2,156.89 | 1.328.00 | 838.89+ | 3,500.00 | 1,013.25 | |
| TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES | .98 | 441.93 | 993.25 | 551.42 | 2,880.88 | 764.29 | |
| TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES | 8.32 | 345.3 8 | 726.25 | 38 0. 75 | 1,165.88 | . 33 | |
| TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP | | | | 569.19 | | | |
| TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES | 9,953.22 | 52,134.37 | 59,795.40 | 7,561.83 | 143,766.88 | 54,823.66 | |
| TOTAL Facility Operation Exp. | 4,499.16 | 28,392.39 | 19,462.95 | 929.44+ | 50,291.30 | 19,993.59 | |
| TOTAL Misc Expense Accts | .00 | 396.84 | .00 | 396.84+ | .38 | 2,586.51 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 17,332.21 | 86,071.34 | 92,519.30 | 6,547.96 | 225,360.80 | 86,375.37 | |
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| NET TOTALS | 8,233.88 | 12,625.49 | | | | 1,164.25 | |

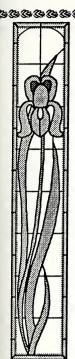


FINANCES

ELON COLLEGE CONMUNITY CHURCH SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES (12/12) & MONTHS

CCB General Checking Acct REPORT DATE: 06/30/98

| ACCOUNT | | YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR) | | | | YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR) |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| INCOME | | | | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME TOTAL RENTAL INCOME TOTAL OFFICE INCOME TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES TOTAL SENERAL REFUNDS TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP TOTAL Interest TOTAL Misc. Income Accts | 975.08 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 265.51 12.23 .00 | 5,125.80 .00 452.56 .00 191.35 2,201.77 734.07 .00 | 5,249.00 .00 400.32 25.02 75.00 .00 .00 | 248.97 1,124.88 .88 52.54+ 25.82 116.35+ 2,281.77+ 434.87+ .88 | 12,498.80 888.80 58.80 158.80 458.80 .20 | 5,132.46 8.50 692.11 .00 .00 524.41 481.64 2,382.50 |
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STAINED GLASS '98

AUG. 23, 1998

Come join us for a multi-age assembly in the Updyke Choral Room during Sunday School hour. There will be singing, fellowship, and special promotion activities for children and youth. WWW.SUNDAY SCHOOL.COME!

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CLUED IN....

To All Children and Youth Sunday School Teachers:

Come get "clued in" on Sunday School for the new year. Join in a teacher orientation session on Aug. 23 at 5:00 pm to kick-off the new year. This session is for all returning teachers and newly recruited ones.

Thank You Notes . .

June 1, 1998

To Arch and the Congregation-

Thanks so much for recognizing me at church on May 24. It's a relief to finally get that chapter of life over with. As you can imagine, things have been rather hectic the last 2 years - finishing football, starting and finishing graduate school, getting married, and working that early morning shift at Channel 2 - so much has that I haven't been able to visit you all at church too often. Hopefully, that will change now. Thanks to all for your continued friendship and support.

Love,

Brian Rose



June 12, 1998

Dear Church Members-

Thank you for your donation of items for our nursery and Women's Shelter. Supporters like you help us aid abused women and children. Family Abuse Services is extremely appreciative of all you do for our agency. We are grateful for the donated items. Thanks for your kind support of our work.

Lethy Atkinson, FAS



July 20, 1998

Dear Congregation:

Thank you very much for your care and support following the murder of my brother Steve. We appreciate all the cards and calls from church members. The visits with Arch were most meaningful. The meals you provided helped us keep well fed.

Thank you so much for your Christian compassion.

Fred, Suzanne and Katy Grosse

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Bring your singing voice and join us for Chancel Choir Rehearsals beginning
Wednesday, August 19
7:00-8:30pm
Seats are available in all sections!



Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 20 5:00-6:00pm

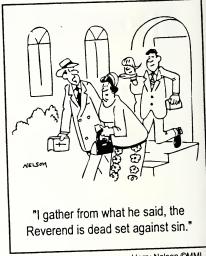
August Special Dates.



Romance Month August 1998



Quality Month - August '98



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Family Day



August 9, 1998 - Sponsor: Kiwanis



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PROMOTION SUNDAY
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Worship
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7 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

309:45 Sunday Sch 11:00 Worship

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Football Sunday is Coming!!!!

ball Sunday will be held on August 23. We need 25-30 hosts. Couples lividuals may serve as hosts. You will be asked to meet your students (3 or the lawn, sit with them, and eat lunch with them.

h will be served to the students and their hosts in the Parish House. Hosts sked to bring homemade desserts and to pay \$2 each for your lunch. ark, the college catering service, will provide the lunch. Forms will be ded in the church bulletin on August 9 and 16 asking you to sign up to bring rts and to serve as hosts.

roll out the "red carpet" for the members of the football team!!



Dear Faithful and Greatly Appreciated Supporters,

6/8/98

We have our tickets in hand and are scheduled to leave Norfolk, VA at 2:30pm Thursday, June 25th. We will arrive in La Paz the next morning at 8:30am. Needless to say, we're very excited that the Lord has provided for all of our needs (as if he has ever been unfaithful). Thank you so much for your part in this ministry. We feel very secure with this team and know that we'll be uplifted in your prayers continuously.

We'd like to let you know that if you are a new supporter, please begin sending your support in this month. That can be done with a check each month that will be receipted with an envelope for your next month's support. If it is more convenient for you, SIM can also do direct withdrawal from your account. This option saves you checks, stamps and ensures that we will not be forgotten. Another item that we'd love to request of you is that you send us a photo of you and your family for a prayer journal we'd like to create in order to pray for you and teach our children interdependence in the body of Christ.

If you have email and are not in our address book, we send out email updates more frequently than we're able to send out newsletters. Our new address is hardesty@poboxes.com and will be functional here and in Bolivia if you want to send us your address. We often use email for sending out urgent prayer requests or praising the Lord for answered prayer so please let us know if you are on line.

You should be getting a newsletter soon with our new prayer card so please put us up on your fridge and keep us in your prayers. We love you guys and appreciate the opportunity to serve with you reaching the youth of La Paz with the good news of salvation through Jesus through Camp El Puente.

In His Service With You.

Casilla 22855 - Obrajes La Paz, Bolívia

email: hardesty@poboxes.com

The Hardesty Family
Dan, Carla, Ben, Annah and Caroline

The Hardes top

Once again faced with the challenge of moving the family, we began sorting through, prioritizing and cutting back, trying to figure out what had to go and what could stay. Stress ran high as we tried to fit as many things as possible into as few bags as possible, all the while praying we would not exceed the airline's weight limitations. (After a year of eating American fast food perhaps its not the weight of the bags we should concern ourselves with.)

Sorting through all of those things causes us to stop and sort through all of the emotions we are now experiencing as well: the excitement of returning, the sadness of leaving, the anticipation or renewed friendships, the separation from dear friends and family. All of our uprooting and frequent farewells cause us to truly appreciate how God has richly blessed us with faithful friends and loving family.

We realize, Jesus carried very little with him as he journeyed on this Earth. His treasure was the hearts of men.

We will hit Bolivian soil running, as a busy schedule awaits us. We fly out of Norfolk, VA at 2:30 pm on Thursday, June 25th. We will arrive in La Paz, Bolivia at 8:30 am on Friday the 26th. We will have a day to catch our breath from the altitude and recover from the flight and then 2 days to unpack our bags. On Monday we will fly to Cochabamba for the annual SIM Bolivia Conference. After five days there will return to La Paz and have a week to settle in to our home while preparing for a work team from Greencastle, PA while will arrive July 11th. We will host that team until July 26th when we will take 2 days to prepare for a second team from Raleigh, NC which will be with us until August 8th.

Constructions has begun in full on the retaining wall at the river. A Crew of 20 Bolivian menhave moved onto camp and will reside there for a few months as they proceed with fortifying the banks of the river with concrete and stone filled metal cages. All of this will be to protect the camp from further land loss and potential destruction from strong high waters during the rainy seasons. Of course, the sturdiest of walls pales in comparison to the power of prayer, so remember the camp and it's ministry as often as you pray.

The teams we will soon be hosting will be focusing efforts on everything from putting up new soccer goals to reinstalling the existing water supply pipes. We look forward to working with these teams and are excited about how God will work in and through them.

Beyond the initial few months of construction we will begin focusing on program development and leadership training. We foresee incorporating camp ministry seminars in local churches to seek out and raise up potential leaders for the camp. It is our desire that over the next few years more and more Bolivian will become actively involved in the camp's ministry and that as a result, a leadership team will emerge, resulting in our taking a supporting rather than leading role.

We are extremely grateful for Hickory Elementary School and the good experience Ben had there for his first grade year. He an Annah will both be in our La Paz School starting in the fall. Caroline is growing like a weed and becomes more and more responsive daily as she discovers her new world and learns to laugh. All are looking forward to resuming life in Bolivia and enjoying more of life's adventures.

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The Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ

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O'Kelly Chapel Developments

Two new developments have taken place at O'Kelly Chapel in the last several weeks. First, the Board of Directors of the Conference has placed a new monument on the grounds, one which tells briefly the story of James O'Kelly and the Chapel. It is very nice and everyone will be proud of it. They plan a dedication for the monument in the early fall, and they will keep us posted about a date.

Also, Bethany Briggs, a local artist and member of the United Church of Christ, has painted a delightful water color of the Chapel. A signed and numbered artist's print will be offered to all who are interested in obtaining one for a donation of \$75.00 to the O'Kelly Chapel Fund. The gifts will be used for the upkeep and maintenance of the property. The original is 28" by 20" and is on display in the Conference office. The prints will be approximately 20" by 14" on quality stock. We hope that you will want to have a copy of this beautiful painting, and will contribute to the preservation of this historic site in this way. Larger contributions will be greatly appreciated as well.

Please make check payable to The Southern Conference UCC and mark for O'Kelly Chapel Print. All proceeds will go to the maintenance and upkeep of O'Kelly Chapel, founded by Rev. James O'Kelly in 1794. It is considered the "Mother Church" of the Southern Christian Convention.



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"SURROGATE PARENTS"

- STEP 1. Attend a Surrogate Parent Training Session which would last no longer than 1 hour.
- STEP 2. Meet with *IEP TEAM and review your chosen students academic plan.
- STEP 3. Approve or disapprove the information/decisions regarding the IEP.
- STEP 4. Reviewing any new information or changes that may occur during the school year. (This may be done by mail.)
- *IEP (Individualized Education Plan) is a plan that is written for each student that gives direct information to implement special areas of learning.
- **The level of commitment is entirely up to you. You do have the choice to meet and spend time with your chosen student. If you prefer to remain anonymous that too is fine.
- ***At any time you can call directly to Lakeside Charter for questions, information, etc. We gladly welcome you as an important part of your student's educational growth.
- ****<u>YOU ARE AT NOT TIME RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCIAL MATTERS REGARDING</u>
 YOUR STUDENT!

A story from your Global Vilinistries ...

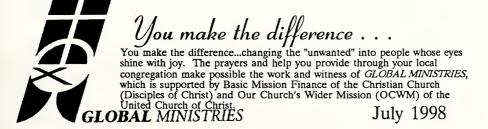
"He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap." (Ps. 113:7,NRSV)

THE RICHES OF THE POOR

Charles and Wendy Bayer work with the Churches of Christ in Australia, as well as in the theological college where they live and teach. Read their words as they tell us about "the powerful tidal wave of world poverty."

"We can no longer talk about pockets of poverty. We live in a world which has pockets of affluence - pockets in which most of us who read this letter reside – surrounded by a sea of hunger, deprivation and hopelessness. A recent trip to India where we worked in Bombay's slums with the mission of the Australian Church of Christ etched on our consciousness just how profound and pervasive is poverty. Particularly poignant was our meeting with a young girl in a Church of Christ mission facility. A Muslim, she had been named Noresh, which translates 'unwanted.' After her mother's death, her father abandoned her. She was found on the street by Christians, given a home where she has lived for the past 10 years and renamed 'Beautiful Flower.'

"Christians care for thousands of the world's unloved and unwanted children. We visited a 'slum church' in Mumbi, where homes are tiny cloth, tin or plasic structures built on the city's trash pile. There is no plumbing, water or power. A team of young Indian pastors help these desperate people realize that in God's eyes, and in the eyes of Christians around the world, they are of great value. It is difficult for us to understand how they can live as they do and carry in their eyes and hearts the joy we saw. Perhaps it is the power of the gospel..."



A story from your Global Winistries ...

"...ten men who had leprosy...stood at a distance and called out... 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" (Lk. 17:12-13)

TENDING THE DYING

Salvador ("Buddy") Martinez serves with Payap University's McGilvary Theological faculty in Chiang Mai, Thailand, as a professor of theology. Buddy also gives as much time as possible to visit people living with AIDS through the AIDS ministry of our partner, the Church of Christ in Thailand.

Once a week he visits patients, listening and trying to help them cope. Last fall, three of the people he and a staff partner visited regularly died within a span of two weeks — the first a father in his 40's, the second a mother in her 30's and the third, a single woman, at 28. "She was a volunteer worker at a day care center for children living with AIDS. She was still strong when I first met her," Buddy recounted, "but the next several days her condition became worse and she was confined to her bed at home. She went down very fast. We knew on our last visit that she was going. Undoubtedly, she also knew. She was full of gratitude that morning. She kissed my hand as we were bidding her farewell. She died in the middle of the week. We went to a vigil service in her honor, and to her cremation. I was personally touched by the fact that the whole village was there to pay homage in spite of her former profession (she used to be a sex worker) and the cause of her death."

Later, Buddy told her story to a group of priests and pastors at a theological meeting outside Thailand, and was shocked to find some who would/could not perform a funeral for such a person because their churches forbid it.



The prayers and help you provide through your local congregation make possible the work and witness of *GLOBAL MINISTRIES*, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

August 1998



Stephen Ministry:

What kind of man would receive the care of a Stephen Minister?

A man like Adam

who was cut off from all that gave meaning to life and needed someone to remind him of God's promise.

A man like Noah

who witnessed the destruction of everything around him and needed someone to wait with him a new day.

A man like Job

who lost everything and needed someone to silently endure his pain with him.

A man like David

who grieved the death of a wayward child and needed a shepherd's care.

A man like Moses

who faced great opposition and needed a companion to support him.

A man like Jesus

who knew disappointment, sorrow, grief, rejection, loneliness so intense that He sweat blood and needed an angel of God to minister to him.

A man like you.

It's a man's job, too!

What kind of man would be a Stephen Minister?

A man like Jack

who really cares about people.

A man like Peter

whose weaknesses were turned into strengths by God.

A man like Tom

who wants to better understand people in their suffering.

A man like Barnabas

who encouraged people in their faith walk.

A man like Bob

who is a good listener and cares about the others' feelings walk.

A man like Paul

who reminds us to "serve one another in love."

A man like Craig

who wants to improve his caregiving skills.

A man like Stephen

who had compassion for those who were alone. A man like Jimmy

whose strength is seen in his caring and giving. A man like Jesus

who loves us as we are and tells us to "love one another as I have loved you."

A man like you???

THE BURLINGTON AREA UCC LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

NOTICE TO ALL CHURCHES

The Dr. Leonard Simmons Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday the 17th of October. This year we will play at Shamrock Golf Course. Let me take this time to clarify a few questions that have risen about the tournament. This fellowship outing is open to all, male and female, young and old, friends and families. We welcome everyone to share a fun day outdoors with old friends and new friends. At this time there is not a meal planned for that day. I will entertain any suggestions. Also the tee times will be given on a first come first serve basis. Please get your entry in early for your best tee time. We need your entry fees (\$30.00 per player) in right away to setup for our day. So don't wait until the day of the tournament. Our young people are very important to us and our future. So, please come and join the fun and fellowship to help support our youth.

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COME AND PLAY



BACK TO SCHOOL BLUES NITE!!

WHERE: Becky's House

WHEN: Sept. 13, 1998

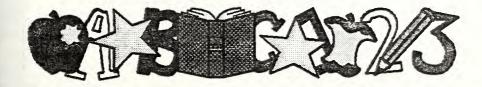
TIME: 6:00 PM

WHAT TO BRING: A Covered dish to

share with everyone.

Come prepared to plan calendars and elect officers for Youth fellowship. And....welcome our new 6th graders and other new comers.

SEE YOU SOOOOOON!!!!





Sunday Morning Greeters for the month of August

Sunday, August 2 Louis and Beth Wilkins

Sunday, August 9 Paul and Ruth Cheek

Sunday, August 16 Tom and Faye Conally

Sunday, August 23 Eddie and Kathleen Harris

Sunday, August 30 Earl and Verona Danieley



Gem of the Day (Credit Samuel M. Silver, Boca Raton, Fla.): A Minnesota man announced to his pastor that he was leaving the church because he had finally gotten around to reading "that book" the pastor was always quoting from and he was deeply disappointed. It had a lot of nice things to say about St. Paul, the man moaned, but not a single word about his hometown, Minneapolis.

Elon College Office of International Programs Host Family Program

Elon College has 35-50 international students each year from over 20 different countries ranging from Europe, Asia, Australia, the Caribbean and all over the world. These students are far from their families and dealing with a new language, new school, new foods, new friends and a new culture. We would like to ask for your assistance in helping these students make these many adjustments to like at Elon College.

The Office of International Programs is compiling a list of volunteers who will assist Elon's international students. During the year activities such as home-stay will give international students an opportunity to interact with an American family. There are several times during the year when students need a host family because the residence halls are closed (before school in August, fall break, Thanksgiving, Christmas and spring break).

If you are interested in getting on this list (this is not a commitment to host every time we call, just to be asked), please contact:

Rhea Egbert
Assistant to the Dean
International Programs
2299 Campus Box
Elon College, NC 27244
phone: (336) 584-2224
fax: (336) 538-2709

fax: (336) 538-2709 egbert@numen.elon.edu

This is a great opportunity for you and your family to learn about another culture and at the same time share some aspects of American culture with an international student. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



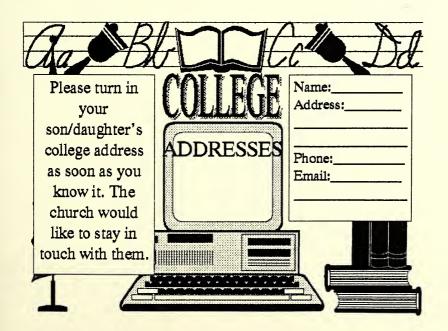


ACOLYTE TRAINING

Acolyte Training is scheduled for Sept. 12, 1998 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.

All rising third graders and others not currently involved as an acolyted are invited to attend.

Veteran acolytes may attend as a refresher. Questions? Contact Becky or the Board of Deacons.



Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services

Flowers for AUGUST

Aug 2 - Mr. & Mrs. Robin Woody

Aug 9 - Mr. & Mrs. Barry Raker

Aug 16 - Ms. Susan Shipley

Aug 23 - Mrs. Josie Huey

Aug 30 - Dr. & Mrs. Earl Danieley

Ushers for AUGUST

Aug 2 - Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley

Aug 9 - Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley

Aug 16 - Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath

Aug 23 - George Troxler, Dick Rinker, Bill Linde

Aug 30 - Jeff Wilkins, Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, Bill Ruth

Acolytes for AUGUST

Aug 2 - Jeff Wilkins/Leigh Ann Denny

Aug 9 - Derrick Horner/Jessica Horner

Aug 16 - Miranda Rich/Rebecca Perry

Aug 23 - Christine Fogleman/Anna Wilkins

Aug 30 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley

Greeters for AUGUST

Aug 2 - Louis & Beth Wilkins

Aug 9 - Paul & Ruth Cheek

Aug 16 - Tom & Faye Conally

Aug 23 - Eddie & Kathleen Harris

Aug 30 - Earl & Verona Danieley

Nursery for AUGUST

Aug 2 - Heidi Danieley/Susan Heinzerling

Aug 9 - Verona & Earl Danieley

Aug 16 - Wilma & Nicole Williamson

Aug 23 - Ann & Kim Acquilano

Aug 30 - Robin & Mike Gregory

Second Hour Child Care for AUGUST

Aug 2 - Helen & Bill Rippy

Aug 9 - Sue Brown/David Brown

Aug 16 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley

Aug 23 - Bill Linde/Katherine Floyd

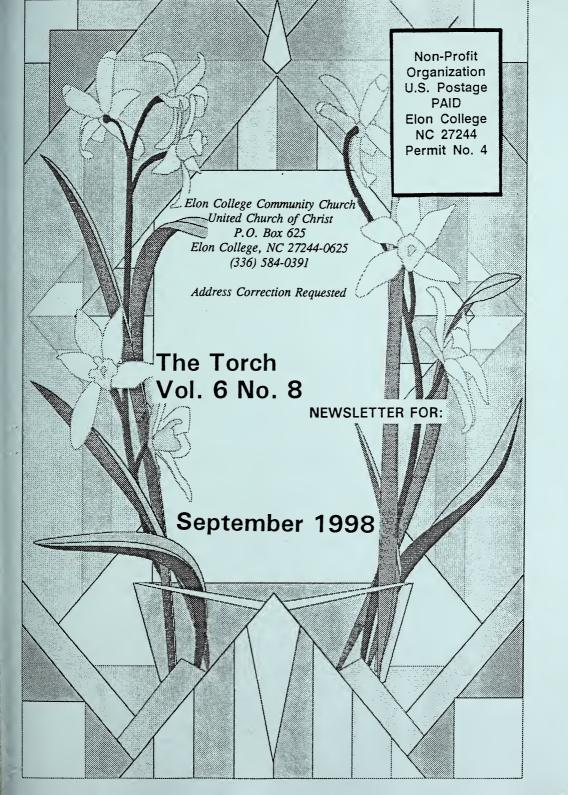
Aug 30 - Jean & Bill Motley

Church Attendance for

Jun 7 - 169 Jul 5 - 79

Jun 14 - 137 Jul 12 - 114 Jun 21 - 148 Jul 19 - 113

Jun 28 - 134 Jul 26 - 144



From the Pastor . . .

Have you noticed?

Our numbers are growing.

New faces, representing a variety of age groups, have appeared at worship over the past few months!

That is great news!

It is also a challenge.



Living Christ in Today's World!

As members of a growing church we will be asked to take on more responsibilities. Appropriate programming, opportunities for fellowship, and future planning will be required as we face change. We are being asked to respond to the new folks by extending ourselves in service, in giving, in friendship and in caring.

That means work.

The work is sacred.

Jesus Christ has commissioned us to take on this mission. As a lighthouse beacon to our world and particularly to those who join us,

we need to take a deep prayerful breath, roll up our sleeves one more time, and give of ourselves enthusiastically!

Our Christian Education Board proclaimed this year: "Stained Glass `98" The phrase is a take-off spoof of "Windows `98".

But the theme is no spoof for those of us who take this church mission seriously. Get with the new program!

You are needed to teach Sunday School,

to assist with nursery care, (we are waiting for four new babies!) and to take leadership responsibility.

You are needed to consecrate yourself to Christ, in the sharing of your talents and resources, and in the caring ministry to our larger family.

Say "Yes!" when you are called upon to serve.

Pack away the old excuses and accept new challenges!

We are growing. We need your help.

Give, Serve and Attend.

The C.E. Board uses more computer lingo:

WWW.SUNDAYSCHOOL.COME!

Apply the message faithfully to all opportunities as we gather in new friendships and enjoy new faith explorations as a growing church!

Hopefully,

Arch Kel

From Becky's Desk....

THREE...Two....One....BLAST OFF! The countdown began on July 27, 1998 when we launched children on a mission of God's love. Using a Space Camp as out setting, complete with Space Blankets, computers that talked, and glow-in-the-dark stars, the children of our church and community didn't just hear about God's love - they got to see it, touch it, taste it, sing it, and put it into action. They traveled from Training Station to Training Station, discovering that God helps us to be kind, thankful, helpful, faithful, and to believe in Jesus Christ.

This year the children met Joseph, Hannah, Thomas, Paul & Silas, and a little boy who shared his lunch with others. They learned that God helped each of these Biblical characters to do and be better than they were -- and God helps us to be the best each of us can be, even on our very worst days.

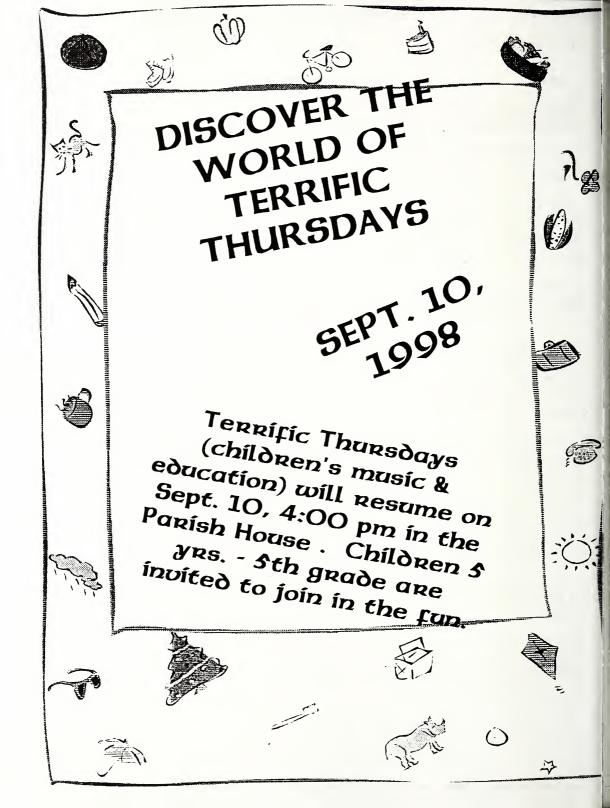
I heard children laughing, singing, playing, ooohing, and ahhing. It was a noisy week, but exciting for them. The question most often asked was, "What are we going to do today?" which conveyed to me a sense of anticipation and excitement.

Our children also put helpfulness into action during SPACE MISSION BIBLE CAMP by contributing school supplies which were donated to Allied Churches. Enough school supplies were collected to prepare 25 gallon-sized bags; each containing a handwritten note or picture to whoever receives it. It just goes to show even our youngest can "live Christ in Today's world."

Vacation Bible School can not be accomplished by one person, but by many. So here are the STARS which helped to make SPACE MISSION BIBLE CAMP successful: those who donated newspapers, glow-in-the-dark stars, aluminum foil; Dave Turnage; Jimma Causey; Matthew Woody; Lynn Denny; Laura Chatfield; Melodie Allshouse; Lesli Denny; Leigh Ann Denny; Gertrude Liscum; Arch Aitcheson; Robin Gregory; Mike Gregory; Sue Brown; Shirley Beyer; Lorene Lyon; Verona Danieley; Katherine Floyd; Lou Harper; Harvey Hook; Patsy Jourdan; Janet Mayse; Patsy Oliver; Kim Perry; Bill & Mary Ruth; Liz Bensen; Beth Wilkins; Kim Webb; and THE CHILDREN.

For all of you who enjoyed SPACE MISSION BIBLE CAMP, get ready to trek into the rain forest with Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure in 1999! I'll plan on seeing everyone there!

In Christ's Service,



CARING AND SHARING MINISTRIES OF ALLIED CHURCHES NEEDS 229-0881

AUGUST, 1998

BURLINGTON Several seniors have stated a desire for someone to share Bible GRAHAM, MEBANE studies. We have materials avail. (SS books).

BURLINGTON Volunteers needed 2 - 4 hrs/wk to answer telephones.

BURLINGTON Disabled man needs help w/plumbing, cabinets, floors, painting.

BURLINGTON Blind/disabled senior couple would appreciate visitors.

BURLINGTON Disabled senior citizen needs home repair.

BURLINGTON Ninety-one year old gentleman needs friendly visits.

BURLINGTON Senior citizen needs old shed torn down and removed.

BURLINGTON Auto acc. victim needs help getting into wheelchair.

ELON COLLEGE Widow needs yard mowed weekly.

GRAHAM Disabled lady needs small yard raked and trimmed.

GRAHAM Disabled woman needs someone to shop for her once a week.

GRAHAM Elderly lady needs trans. wkly/Tues. to support group.

GRAHAM Elderly woman needs someone to relieve family caregiver.

HAW RIVER Senior citizen needs new roof.

MEBANE Elderly woman would like someone to read to her.

MEBANE Senior citizen needs new kitchen floor.

MEBANE Elderly man needs someone to visit w/him so his wife can do errands.

SWEPSONVILLE Elderly woman would appreciate friendly visits.

With Fall coming, we will need volunteers to rake leaves. If you know of any persons or groups (such as scouts, church groups, school clubs, etc.) P L E A S E have them call the Caring & Sharing office. 229-0881

1998-99 CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO BEGIN

| IF |
|---|
| YOU ARE A RISING HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN OR OLDER |
| YOU HAVE NOT BEEN THROUGH THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM OF OUR CHURCH, |
| <u>IF</u> |
| YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE YOUR OWN FAITH AND THE PART YOU CAN PLAY IN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, |
| THEN |
| <u>DO</u> FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RECEIVE THE CONFIRMATION `98 REGISTRATION PACKET. <u>DO IT TODAY!</u> |
| AND |
| FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION MATERIAL AND RETURN IT BY SEPTEMBER 15, 1998! |
| CLASSES WILL START ON OCTOBER 4, 1998 at Noon in the Parish House. Bring your parents and a sandwich! QUESTIONS? SPEAK WITH ARCH. 584-0391. |
| |
| CONFIRMATION REQUEST FORM |
| Arch, Please send me the Confirmation 1998-99 registration forms and enroll me in the program which begins on October 4. I want to be in the class this year! |
| Name: |
| Mailing Address: |
| |
| Phone: Grade in School: |
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| School Attending: Send to the Church Office, P.O. Box 625 Elon College NC 27244-0625 |



FINANCES

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

(12/12) 7 MONTHS

CCB General Checking Acct REPORT DATE: 07/31/98

| | CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR) | | | OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR | | |
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| COTAL INCOME COTAL RENTAL INCOME | 15.279.08 | 120.481.07 | | 2.545.05 | 210.902.00 | 114.480.63 |
| TOTAL RENTAL INCOME | 1.030.00 | 6.155.00 | 7.290.50 | 1.135.50 | 12.498.00 | |
| TOTAL OFFICE INCOME | .00 | .00 452.56 | .00 | .00 14.13 | .00 800.00 | 8.50 |
| COTAL SALES TAX REFUND | .00 | 452.56 | 466.59 | [4.1] | 800.00 | |
| TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES | | | | 29.19 | | .00 |
| OTAL GENERAL REFUNDS | | | | 103.85+ | | .00 |
| OTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP | | | | 2.281.77± | | 549.41 |
| | | | | 395.92+ | | |
| OTAL Misc. Income Accts | .00 | .90 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 2,452.50 |
| OTAL INCOME | 16.320.93 | 130.307.67 | 131.250.00 | 942.33 | 125.000.00 | 125.139.32 |
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| <u>E ENSES</u> | | | | | | |
| STAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME | .00 | 1.762.26 | .00 | 1.762.26+ | .00 | 134.41 |
| DTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH | 350.00 | 750.00 | 1.931.00 | 1.181.00 | 2.450.00 | 515.00 |
| DTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH | 1.115.00 | | | 26.50+ | | 7.581.00 |
| TAL WORSHIP EXPENSES | 100.00 | | 1.859.20 | 625.69+ | | |
| TAL NUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES | 50.00- | 491.83 | 1.925.55 | 1.433.72 | 2.300.00 | 1.014.29 |
| TAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES | 56.06 | 585.45 | 350.75 | 265.30 | 1.165.00 | 18.73 |
| TAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP | 378.99 | 2.907.06 | | | | |
| | | 77.737.29 | | 5.976.27 | | |
| TAL Facility Operation Exp. | | | | 1.695.76+ | | |
| TAL Misc Expense Accts | .00 | 396.04 | .00 | 396.04+ | | 3.111.51 |
| | | 125.243.71 | | | 225.360.00 | 120.693.91 |
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Letters to the Church

Dear Church Family,

You perhaps realized my complete surprise at receiving a bouquet of roses and a gift after our ECCC Music Camp kids performed so well with the handbells on August 9. Thank you so much for those expressions of your appreciation for my efforts. I have certainly enjoyed the beautiful red roses, and the coffee mug and <u>God's Little Instruction Book</u> which were inside the gift package will be enjoyed many times in the weeks and months ahead.

Our Music Camp would not have been possible without the assistance I received from the following people: (1) Parents/grandparents who brought the kids to our music camp, (2) Heidi Danieley, who helped me teach music every night of our camp, (3) Robin Gregory, Sue Brown, Laura Chatfield, and Maxine Rich, who provided suppers/drinks for us, and (4) our church staff who provided assistance and advice as needed. The various parents who came each evening and listened to our playing gave us all wonderful encouragement, too.

I thank you most of all for your enthusiastic response to the playing of the handbells that Sunday. I expect those conscientious, talented handbell ringers to perform for you again in the fall, and some of them will also perform this season with the adult Chancel Ringers. They will benefit greatly from your continued enthusiasm for their efforts.

Again, thank you for your enthusiasm and appreciation for our efforts.

In Christ's Service,

Betty Dillashaw



ACOLYTE TRAINING

Acolyte training is scheduled for Sept. 12, 1998 at 9:00 am (note time change) in the sanctuary.

All rising third graders and others not currently involved as an acolyte are invited to attend.

Veteran acolytes may attend as a refresher. Questions? Contact Becky or the Board of Deacons.



SEPT. 13, 1998

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Come prepared to plan calendars and elect officers for Youth Fellowship. And welcome our new 6th graders and other new comers.

WHERE: Becky's House

TIME: 6:00 PM

WHAT TO BRING: A Covered dish to share with everyone.

Invite a friend to Youth this year. Bring your ideas for activities.



Election '98

Plan your campaign for Youth Fellowship officers now! The following officers will be elected at our first meeting: President Vice President Secretary **Fundraising Chairperson** Historian

You might want to think about really doing a campaign for your office; complete with campaign signs and buttons.

If you want to run for one of these offices, let Becky know by Sept. 6.

Snack Supper

This year the plans are to continue snack supper for Youth Fellowship. We would like to engage all families to participate. Come prepared to sign up your family for a date.



Christian Education Sunday/Rally Day September 27, 1998

The beginning of a new Sunday School year is a fresh time for renewing or beginning a relationship with Christian learning experiences. Being engaged in the discoveries that can come when groups share together at church is a wonderful start for a year filled with fun and fellowship.

Join us on Sept. 27, 1998 when the ministry of Christian Education will be highlighted and celebrated with:

Dedication of Sunday School teachers and others

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders
Church picnic in Parish House following worship.

Invite your friends. It's an opportunity not to be missed!

For Each Day

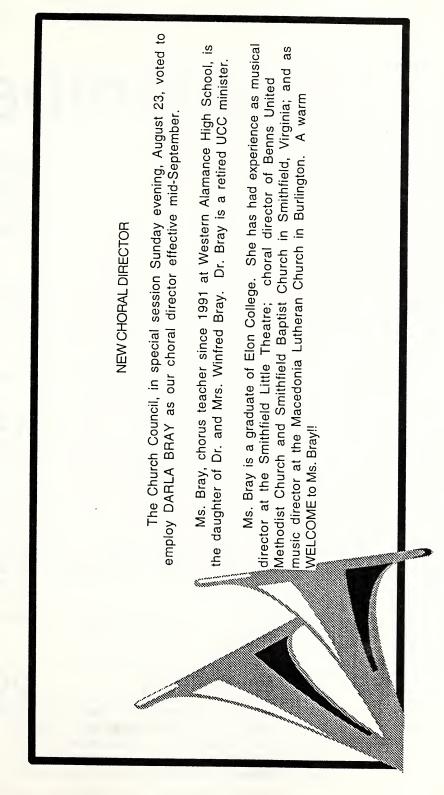
by Helen Kitchell Evans

"Grandma I love you!" Is so nice to hear, Coming from one To me so very dear.

Why can't grown-ups be As loving and as free? Why not give joys as This child gave to me?

Gentle yet powerful Can these words be When spoken to others with sincerity.

Love is for sharing, For giving away At special times And every day. Grandparents'
Day
9/13/98



September

8:30 am Clerg Support 10:30 Staff Mtg. Noon: Community Council



Holy Communion 9:45 Sunday Sch. 11am Worship

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

10:30 Staff M

RELIGIOUS

9:45 Sunday Sch.

11am Worship 6pm YOUTH & RC

Mass

New Member

Sunday!

6pm R.C. Mass

Fellowship

Noon Circle of Care 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm Installation of Officers for Women's

LABOR DAY

8:30am Cl Support

10:30 Staff Mtg.

7pm Stephen

Shelter Volunteer

Elephant Appreciation Day

www.wildheart.com

Elon College Family Sun. 8:30 Worship

6:30 Church Night!

9:45 Sunday Sch. 11am Worship 5pm Grief Support 5pm Chancel Ringers 21 ROSH HASHANAH

10:30 Staff Mtg. Noon: Elon Clerg Fellowship Plann

Leader's Planni

Christian Ed Rally Day!

7pm Cub Scouts

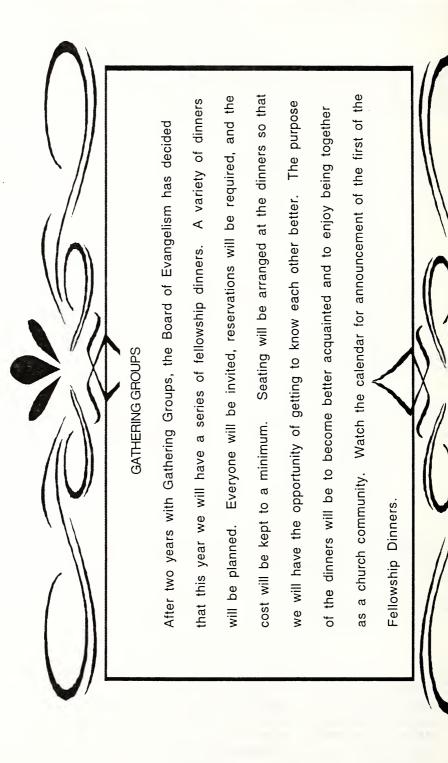
7pm Cub Scouts

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9:45 Sunday Sch. 11am Worship Noon Picnic 5pm Chancel Ringers 6pm R.C. Mass

7pm Stephen Min. Supervision 7pm Consecrating Stewards Mtg.

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| 98 | | Liturgists for the next month: 9/6 Beth Wilkins 9/13 Linda Raker 9/20 8:30 AM - Open 11AM Patricia Woody | 9/27 Barry Raker 10/4 Verona Danieley | | |
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| cel Choir | SUNDAY SCHOOLI MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND REGULARLY! | WAY OF LIVING FOR CHRIST BY LEARNING ABOUT HIS GOOD NEWS! | | | |



Hello Church Family!

Thank you with all of my heart for the generous check I received this past week. As always, the timing was perfect and it will help me out greatly. Your open hearts and hands to me continue to sustain me in countless ways!

I am looking forward to the quickly approaching school year here at Vanderbilt Divinity School and I will be in touch again soon.

With love and prayers,

Heather Dillashaw



Stan Allen (c)MMI

Dear Elon Community Church Prayer Chain -

I am very grateful that you have included me in your prayer chain. Many friends and churches have and are continuing to pray for me through this experience, and I have certainly felt this - my family and friends think I am a miracle.

Again, thank you, and please continue to pray that through the doctors, God will heal me.

Sincerely,

Mita Best

Dear Rev. Arch & Church Family,

Thank you for the wonderful way you and the Elon College Community Church family have ministered to me, my children and grandchildren in the loss of Don. Our entire family has felt the power and strength of God through your prayers for us at this difficult time. The letter, card and cross comforted us and uplifted us.

I know that Jerry and Betty are fortunate to be part of such, a loving and caring church family, and are a testimony to our Heavenly Farther's care for his children.

May God bless each of you as you minister and show Christ's love to others as you have to my family.

Love,

Pat Skidmore

It doesn't interest me what you do for a living. I want to know what you ache for, and if you dare to dream of meeting your heart's longing.

It doesn't interest me how old you are. I want to know if you will risk looking like a fool for love, for your dreams, for the adventure of being alive.

It doesn't interest me what planets are squaring your moon. I want to know if you have touched the center of your own sorrow, if you have been opened by life's betrayals or have become shriveled and closed from fear of further pain! I want to know if you can sit with pain, mine or your own, without moving to hide it, fade it or fix it.

I want to know if you can be with joy, mine or your own, if you can dance with wildness and let the ecstasy fill you to the tips of your fingers and toes without cautioning us to be careful, be realistic, or to remember the limitations of being human.

It doesn't interest me if the story you're telling is true. I want to know if you can disappoint another, to be true to yourself; if you can bear the accusation of betrayal, and not betray your own soul.

I want to know if you be faithful and therefore be trustworthy. I want to know if you can see beauty, even when it is not pretty everyday, and if you can source your life from God's presence in Christ Jesus.

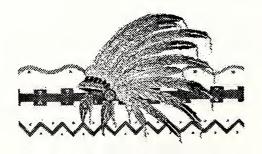
I want to know if you can live with failure, yours and mine, and still say "yes, I want to try."

I want to know if you can get up after a night of grief and despair, weary and bruised to the bone, and do what needs to be done for your family.

It doesn't interest me who you are, how you came to be here. I want to know if you will stand in the center of the fire with me and not shrink back.

It doesn't interest me where or what or with whom you have studied. I want to know what sustains you from the inside when all else falls away. I want to know if you can be alone with yourself, and if you truly like the company you keep.....in the empty moment.

-Written by a Native American



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR EVERYONE!

There is a Sunday School Class for veryone....begin your new year by giving one a try!

o you enjoy studying life issues with a discussion ormat on Sunday mornings? Try the SEEKERS CLASS which meets in Rm 101.

o you enjoy Bible Study with a lecture format on unday mornings? Try the ADULT BIBLE CLASS which meets in Rm. 206.

Do you enjoy studying contemporary Christian riters and relating their thoughts to your faith? ry the COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT CLASS which meets in Rm. 204.

Do you have children (Toddlers-5th grade) and outh (6th grade-12th grade) who need to learn out God and the unfailing love for us? Try one of these classes:

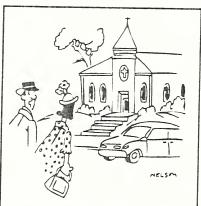
Toddler/Preschool - Rm. 12 Kindergarten - Third Grade - Rm. 8 Grades 4-5 - Rm. 202 Youth (6-12) - Rm. 207

llope to see you there!

Bulletin Bloopers

The ladies in the style show will meet with their dresses down in front after morning worship. Tonight's Sermon: What is hell? (Come early and listen to the choir practice.)

A worm welcome Ushers may eat to all who have the late arrivals come today.



"Think about it. What would it be like if everyone got everything they pray for?"

Nelson (c)MMI



Consecrating Stewards

This fall our church will engage in an exciting venture called "Consecrating Stewards". This emphasis will help us come to a deeper understanding of the role of stewardship in our lives as Christians. You will hear more in the coming weeks. To begin our adventure, please consider the following meditation from the Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ:

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

What is Christian stewardship?

Quite simply, Christian stewardship is our faithful response to the unearned gift of God's grace embodied in Jesus Christ. God has literally showered us with gifts of love. In gratitude, we seek to respond in kind.

But some Christian responses to God's loving generosity are more

appropriate than others.

When it comes to supporting God's mission through the church, for example, some Christians begin by saying: "Show me the need. Make the case for its worthiness. Then I will give." This response represents a challenge to the church to justify God's mission. Such an attitude makes clear that the first claim on this person's resources is the self.

That is not an appropriate response.

When it comes to supporting God's mission through the church, other Christians begin by saying: "Show me the budget. Divide it by the number of giving units in the church. Then I will give my share." This response equates giving to mission with giving to the budget. Such an attitude reveals a willingness to give "only as much as is necessary."

That, too, is not an appropriate response.

When it comes to supporting God's mission through the church, still other Christians begin by saying: "My giving to the church comes off the top of my income each year — before anything else and without regard either to 'justified needs' or'budgeted needs.'" This response recognizes that the giving is not TO a purpose, but FROM a response. Such an attitude acknowledges that the real need of the giver is simply to give. This is known as "first fruits giving".

First fruits giving is an appropriate response to God's generosity.

Your Stewardship Committee, Emmett O. Floyd, Chairperson, Bill Barbee, Ken Benson, Sara Dodson, Marsh McClelland, Dave Turnage and Louis Wilkins

Board of Trustees August 9, 1998

The following items of interest were brought up at the ECCC Trustees August meeting.

- 1. Harvey Hook continues his en"light"ening duties, church-wide.
- 2. The Board discussed the possibility of improved lighting inside the door to the education wing, across from the Parish House.
- Work on the door to the Parish House, on the Haggard Avenue side needs to be considered.
- Maintenance of the steeple being an important item at this time, there was a decision made to make inquiries regarding a company able to do this type of work; and also to handle the painting of the roof. Biff Brafford was very active in this discussion.
- Adopt-A-Room plans were finalized to do the trustees' meeting room (Hurst Room).
- 6. Ideas were exchanged regarding the installation of an elevator at the church.
- 7. The last order of business dealt with the improvement of the church walkways, and a sample of the Spray-A-Cote system was inspected. The printed material of this company was also evaluated, and it seems to be an interesting alternative to the tearing-up and re-laying of concrete.

The Age of High Tech



Moshkin (c)MMI

Good News . . .

Creative Day School Grand Opening

August 17 - Grand Opening of Creative Day School, located at 1010 Williamson Avenue, Burlington, NC 27215. Serving children ages 0-12. Wilma Williamson, Director and Cynthia Doyle, Assistant Director.

Womens Fellowship General Meeting

Betsy Russell will be guest speaker at the General Meeting of the Women's Fellowship on Monday, September 14, 1998 at 7:00pm in the Parish House.

Betsy is the wife of our Conference Minister Rollins Russell and she is very active in the women's work of our denomination. She will be speaking to us about our relationship with Hawaii. Everyone is invited to attend.

Nell Snyder President, Womens Fellowship

WEBELOS CAMP

Sixteen Webelos Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 51 sponsored by our church along with three leaders and three den chiefs from Troop 51 were at Camp Cherokee in Caswell County for the Webelos summer camp. August 2 - August 5. The Webelos who attended were Ian Trott, Sam Petry, Alex Smith, Kyle Pendarvis, Nicky Spritz, Ben Holt, Donnie Pendarvis, Hank Lilienthal, Jonathan Kernodle, Cameron Ward, Nicholas Kaczor, Timothy Pyrant, Kevin Emond, Rusty Doyle, Craig Thompson, and Ben Taliaferro. The leaders were Mary Ward. Alton Trott and George Troxler and den chiefs T.J. Kaczor. Michael Trott and Nate Ward.



The Prayers of Our Young

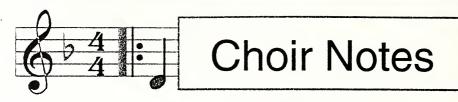
The children and youth of this church are invited to participate in creating material which may become a book entitled, <u>The Prayers of our Young</u>. Here's how you can participate:

WHAT: A variety of types of prayers can be submitted; prayers can consist of word or picture prayers.

WHO: All children /youth, ages 2 - 18. Each person may submit up to three prayers.

WHEN: Prayers can be submitted to the church office or placed in the appropriate box in the narthex during the months of Sept. and Oct.

HOW: Use a plain white index card - size 5 x 8 DO NOT FOLD! Write a short word prayer in black ink OR draw a prayer in black ink. Put name and age on card.





Chancel Choir

(Every week in September)

Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m. Sundays 10:15 - 12:00 noon

Chancel Ringers

(Beginning September 20)

Sundays 5-6 p.m.

The Spirit of the Scholar . . . Temporal and Eternal A Tributo in memory of Dr. Konstantinas Avizonis August 19, 1998 Elon College, North Carolina

Lithuanian Son, Patriot Father and Scholar of History's Truth, Those you have touched hold to cherished memories Of the Spirit of your presence, temporal and eternal As we gather by this first gravesite in your adoptive homeland.

Emotional goodbyes were said so many Aprils ago in a different world. Remembrances of your accomplishments and the impact On the lives of colleagues and students, temporal and eternal, Flowed as free as tears of grief and appreciative reflections.

Your spirit belonged to an age when the scholar reigned in respect. In spite of Tyranny's attempts to stifle and twist reality, You persevered and offered gifts, temporal and eternal, Researching and teaching, writing and proclaiming History's tale.

Couched in the quiet demeanor and your carefully thought-out words, Truth of worlds and governments, unknown to us, came alive, By your memorable stories and honest reflections, temporal and eternal, Offering up lessons and knowledge that we can never forget.

Scholarly spirit transformed our lives as we hungered for more words, From our quiet, peaceful professor, who treated every person With the respect every human soul deserves in life, temporal and eternal. Learning continued to be nurtured by the dedicated scholar.

The pain of your journey and the precious personal challenges shared, Never clouded your enthusiasm for honesty or knowledge's freedom. A vision of ultimate victory and sacred hope, temporal and eternal, Became the trademark of your teaching, and the encouragement offered.

The Spirit of the Scholar is what we cherish today, dear Dr. Avizonis, As the victory of History's Dance of Change allows your return To the home of your faithful, determined heart, temporal and eternal. Your lectures still teach and your colleagues and students rejoice.

In thankful and prayerful remembrance we say not the farewell of finality; We celebrate the Spirit of the Scholar and the Patriot's acclaim, Who touches our lives with God's love, in Christ, temporal and eternal, And who guides us always to embrace our history and God's grace.

Rev. Arch Ailcheson, Pastor, Class of 1970 Elon College



Sept 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harclerode

Sept 13 - Mr. and Mrs. George Oakley

Sept 20 - Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hook

Sept 27 - Perry-Willard Family

Ushers for SEPTEMBER

Sept 6 - Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley

Sept 13 - Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley

Sept 20 - Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath

Sept 27 - George Troxler, Dick Rinker, Bill Linde

Acolytes for SEPTEMBER

Sept 6 - Jesse Chatfield/Zach Welborn

Sept 13 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry

Sept 20 - Jeff Wilkins/Nicole Williamson

Sept 27 - David Brown/Miranda Rich

Greeters for SEPTEMBER

Sept 6 - Biff and Doris Brafford

Sept 13 - Eric and Melodie Allshouse

Sept 20 - David and Christy Ruth (8:30am) Liz Aitcheson/Jov Aitcheson (11:00am)

Sept 27 - Bill and Jackie Pendergrass

Nursery for SEPTEMBER

Sept 6 - Beth Schmidt/Hilda Oxford

Sept 13 - George and Carol Oakley

Sept 20 - Ralph and Patsy Jourdan

Sept 27 - Lou Harper/Meg Wilkins

Second Hour Child Care for SEPTEMBER

Sept 6 - Patsy and Eddie Oliver

Sept 13 - Marie Wilkins/Jeff Wilkins, III

Sept 20 - Mike and Janet Mayse

Sept 27 - Kim and Steve Perry

Church Attendance for

Aug 2 - 147

Aug 9 - 141

Aug 16 - 140





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From the Pastor ... "Biving Christ in Today's World"



Our Mission Statement adopted in 1994 is a constant reminder of what and who we are to be as the church of Jesus Christ. "Living Christ in Today's World" implies a faithful response to the Christian Gospel in the present. The mission requires people who are not afraid to commit themselves to living the faith they claim. This mission statement challenges us to become consecrated missionaries sent out to the world we know. It calls us to be witnesses and stewards of the Good News proclaimed almost two thousand years ago and a message relevant in 1998.

As we launch a new renewal and ministry program this month each of us will be called upon to revisit our covenant as church members and as missionaries for Christ. You will hear a great deal about *Consecrating Stewards* before the second Sunday in November. You will hear from missionaries within our congregation at worship and from our consultant, Rev. Bill Smith. Fellow members will talk to you about your commitments to the church and will invite you to worship and to a great celebration of our ministry together.

Budget talk and gimmicky money requests will be side-stepped as we learn more about our mission as stewards committed to Jesus Christ. There are exciting dreams to be realized for this mission outpost at Elon College. There are amazing opportunities that will unfold as we seek spiritual renewal and growth.

As the lighthouse logo suggests, our mission statement calls us to be a beacon of faith and service to the larger community. The light originates in Christ and is reflected in the rays of service and commitment in each member of this gathering in Christ.

I invite us all to approach this exciting endeavor with prayerful enthusiasm and full participation. As your pastor I challenge you to commit yourself for the next two months to attend Sunday School and worship every Sunday. I challenge you to attend fellowship programs and special events planned for you. I challenge you to be *invitational*, inviting new neighbors and friends to join us at Elon College Community Church. I challenge all ages to accept our mission statement as a daily goal.

Live Christ in Today's World!

Expectantly,

Letter to the Congregation...

Throughout the history of the Christian church, children have been included in the worship and ministry of the community faith. Today, the church may be the only place where some children find the unconditional love and care they so desperately need to grow, to thrive, and to become faithful people. As Christians, we must take our responsibilities to our children very seriously, always attending to their spiritual growth and nurturing. We fail in our responsibilities if we neglect to take adequate precautions against physical abuse or neglect in our churches. It is unlikely that we can completely prevent child abuse or neglect in every circumstance. Yet, it is possible for us to greatly reduce the risk by following a thorough and practical policy of prevention.

We are hiring a Nursery/Child Care Specialist for before and during church service, and at special functions. This will help in giving the children a person there every week, which both the parents and child can trust. But, this is only one person and as our families and congregation grows, the fact is that we still look to Congregation for assistance each Sunday.

Schedules are sent out twice a year to our church members which provide opportunity for Service at our Sunday Services with the Nursery, Toddler/Preschool, and Second Hour Child Care. If you have not had the opportunity to help and would like to, please call Becky. If you find that you can not keep your scheduled assignment, please find a responsible replacement. Under staffing of the Nursery and Child Care rooms can cause unintentional neglect. Our children deserve the best care, which we can provide.

The Parents and Children of the Congregation appreciate everyone's help!

The CE Board

Things You Never Hear in Church

ey! It's my turn to sit on the front pew.

ove to sing hymns that I've never heard before!

nce we're all here, let's start the service early.

volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the inior High Sunday School class.

Bulletin Bloopers

The following are actual bloopers taken from church publications.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Food Panty. The bags are filled and marching out the doors.

Reverend White spoke briefly, much to the delight of the entire congregation.

Please remain seated until the end of the recession.

PROUD PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS OF:

Delaney Jane Webb August 24, 1998, 10:15 a.m. Parents - Bob & Kim Webb

Jaime Christian Hamm August 24, 1998, 6:58 p.m. Grandparent - Sara Dodson





YOUTH NEWS...

All youth PLEASE NOTE.... Meeting time is 6:00 pm in the Youth Room with a Snack Supper provided.
Come join in the excitement!

OCT. 11 - IF I WERE DEAD....

Join us as we discuss the Faith

Issue of death in a creative way.

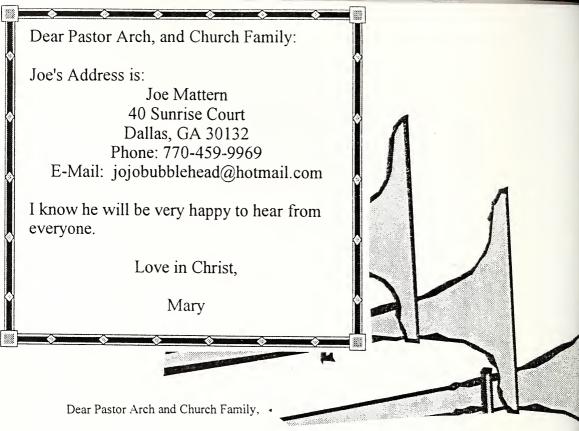


OCT. 25 - THE GREAT PUMPKIN HUNT

Come for Snack Supper at 6:00 pm followed by one of our World Famous Treasure Hunts. Plan to be picked up at 7:30 pm.







Thank you very much for all the help you have given and continue to give to both my Mother and myself. I cannot adequately express my feelings of gratitude for your kind and loving friendship. Since my arrival at the church prior to the fall semester of 1994, I have grown in a myriad of ways. I have grown spiritually, mentally, and emotionally due in no small part to your assistance. I sang with you, ate with you, worshipped and gardened with you. Thanks to you I was able to go to Elon College, tour Europe, and participate as a sponsor in the rite of Confirmation. I have laughed with you, sought your advice, called you late at night, and modeled my actions after your own. I have made many friends. I am a better person because of you. I have asked much of my Church Family, and I've never been turned away. Rather, you have exceeded all my expectations and I am permanently in your debt. You have personified your mission statement, truly "Living Christ in today's world." You have exemplified what it means to be a church. Now, as I prepare for the next phase of my life, I realize that I move on to Atlanta and CNN with you, for you are now a part of me, your values and faith etched indelibly on my psyche. I ask you now for your prayers, and to look after my Mother in my absence. Thank you again.

Your Friend in Christ.

Joe Mattern

n Stephen's Training la U. Baltimore)

Thurs A.M.

wanted to thank everyone for the flowers and notes. I am g kidded about having the center arrangement for the er table.

material (all 27 lbs.) is intense and interesting. The people fun. I can see why they say a "Stephen Minister" can out nyone. Tonight is our long night - 8:30 a.m. to 9+ p.m.

e care. Hope all is going well.

Sue Shipley

Thank you

Notes . . .

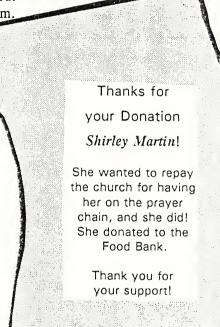
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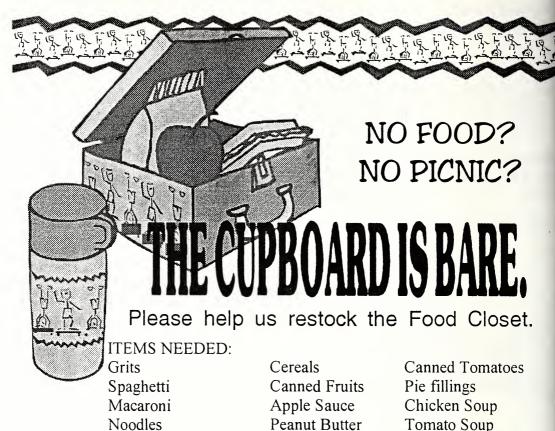
Church Members:

k you so very much for choosing me to receive the Elon ge Community Church Scholarship. As most of you know college can be a financial burden, it is through ibutions such as yours that ease the financial hardship. I to assure you that I'll work very hard in my academics to the most of your contribution!

In God's Grace,

Emily Woody





Noodles

Spaghetti/Pasta Sauce

Tomato Paste

Tomato Sauce

Rice (plain)

Macaroni & Cheese

Green Beans

Sweet Peas

Corn

Carrots

Flour

Sugar

Corn Meal

Butterbeans

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Tuna

Mayo

Canned Meats

Oatmeal

Canned Stew

Jello Pudding Evaporated Milk

Canned Juices

Crackers

Canned Beets

Turnip Greens

Spinach

Vegatable Soup

Cream of Celery

Cream of Mushroom

Soap

Dish Detergent

Toothpaste

Toilet Paper

Paper Towel

But, please no more

BEANS!

WHEN YOU SUPPORT OUR CHURCHES' WIDER MISSION

YOU BUILD NEW CHURCHES: New Church Starts and the revisioning and renewal of existing churches is a major commitment and achievement of our work. Six new congregations have been founded in the last ten years, three of which still receive subsidy support. And we need to start others!

YOU PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES TO LOCAL CHURCHES: Our professional staff provide pastoral placement services to churches and pastors; they consult with leaders and churches during difficult times, they provide skills and resources for future planning, Christian Education, Youth Ministry, Stewardship education and Evangelism training.

YOU ENGAGE IN GLOBAL MISSION AND UNITY: Our partnership with the Evangelical Church of the Rheinland (Germany) has brought over a dozen young German pastors who serve along side us in churches of the Southern Conference, and it makes possible international youth exchanges each summer for our young people. Your partnership with the Evangelical Congregational Church in Angola (Africa) has led to several exchange visits and an acquaintance by our people with the mission opportunities in that developing nation and church.

YOU AUTHORIZE GIFTED MINISTERS TO SERVE OUR CHURCHES: The Church and Ministry Commissions of our three Associations interview and assist those who are called to parish ministry to receive adequate preparation for their task. They provide support and professional counseling to our pastors and their families and set standards for reasonable salaries and benefits.

YOU PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE: Each year our Executive Committee on your behalf awards grants and scholarships to entering students at Catawba and Elon Colleges, and to seminarians who are enrolled full time in preparation for pastoral ministry. Each year there is more and more demand on these funds which we give through O.C.W.M.

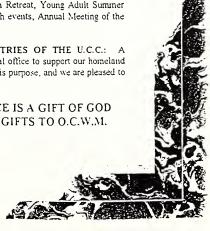
YOU PROVIDE CONTINUING EDUCATION: Pastors who have not been able to attend a graduate seminary can receive training and authorization through your Southern Conference Ordination Preparation Education (SCOPE) program. Pastors with seminary degrees may receive scholarship assistance to pursue their Doctor of Ministry degrees.

YOU PROVIDE OUT DOOR MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: Youth and adults enjoy retreats and camping experiences at your four centers: John's River Valley Camp, Franklinton Center, Blowing Rock Assembly Ground, and Black Lake Retreat Center. We look forward to the development of an additional site on our Lake Prince property to serve our churches in Eastern Virginia.

YOU CARRY OUT QUALITY PROGRAMS, YEAR-ROUND: Your giving to O.C.W.M. makes it possible to support our Annual Ministers' Retreat, Confirmation Retreat, Young Adult Summer Service, Church Educators Training, National and Conference youth events, Annual Meeting of the Conference, and other programs and workshops.

YOU SUPPORT THE NATIONAL AND GLOBAL MINISTRIES OF THE U.C.C.: A percentage of each year's budget is forwarded to the U.C.C. national office to support our homeland and world missions. This year 12% of our gifts are forwarded for this purpose, and we are pleased to be able to help so many people around the world in this way.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER IN THIS CONFERENCE IS A GIFT OF GOD LET'S KEEP IT STRONG THROUGH YOUR GIFTS TO O.C.W.M.





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| | | | |
| 5:45 Sunday School 11am Worship & Communion Noon: Confirmation 5pm Handbells 6 RC Mass (PH Grounds) | 5 10:30 Circle I 7pm Cub Scouts Circle II (DCE on C.E. Retreat) | 6 8:30 Clergy Group Circle of Care Golf Tourn. 7pm Circle III (DCE on Retreat) | 7 4:3 7 g 8pg Pa |
| 11 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship HOMECOMING 5pm Chancel Ringers 6pm Youth 6:30 pm Church Night 8pm Church Council | 12 Church Office Closed 7pm Cub Scouts | 13 4:30 pm ALL STAFF Meeting | 14 7 8 Pa |
| 18 9:45 Sunday School 11 am Worship Noon: Confirmation 5 pm Grief Support Network Chancel Bells 6 & 10 pm RC Mass | 7 pm Cub Scouts | 20 8:30 Clergy Support 10:30 Staff Meeting | 2 7 8 P |
| 25 9:45 Sunday School 11 am Worship 5 pm Chancel Bells 6 pm Youth 6 & 10 pm RC Mass DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME! | 26 7 PM Cub Scouts Stephen Ministry Supervision | 27 10:30 am Staff Meeting | 2 7 8 |



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| 1 7:30am Breakfast Study 4pm Terrific Thursdays & Bells | 2 Shelter Meal Nite - Deacons 8pm 6:45 Special Fridays | 3 |
| 8 7:30am Breakfast Study 4pm Terrific Thursdays & Bells | 9 6pm Wedding Rehearsal DCE's Day Off | 10 3pm Wedding |
| 15 7:30 am Breakfast Study 4 pm Terrific Thursdays & Bells 7 pm Stephen Leader's Mit | | 17 |
| 22 No Breakfast Study This Week! 4 pm Terrific Thursday & Pastor on Retreat | 23 Bells Pastor on Retreat | 24 6 pm Evangelism Board's FELLOWSHIP DINNER! |
| 29 7:30 Breakfast Study 4 pm Terrific Thursday & | 30 Bells | 31 Reformation-Reconciliation Day! Halloween |

From the Board of Missions

1. One of our three major mission offerings supports Neighbors in Need. This offering benefits disadvantaged neighbors here in our own country, supporting community-based programs which address educational and health needs. One-third of the Neighbors in Need offering goes to the twenty American Indian Congregations in the United Church of Christ.

This offering will be received on October 4 in congregations throughout the United Church of Christ. We encourage our church family to respond generously on that day to help meet the needs of our neighbors.

2. The Board of Missions calls attention to a recently received booklet, <u>The State of the United Church of Christ</u>, 1998. It provides detailed statistical information about the churches and institutions of our denomination. The booklet is available in the Gregory Library here in the church.

As our church prepares to engage in the "Consecrating Stewards" program please consider this meditation provided by the Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ.

THE GRACE OF GIVING

What does it mean to give as you are able, according to the blessing of God?

One way of understanding this principle is to describe it as proportionate giving, or giving in proportion to your income. This is the way our churches have understood the Apostle Paul's advice to the Christian community at Corinth in Greece. Paul urged them to put aside something each week toward the offering for the poor in Jerusalem (1 Corinthians 16:2).

When he wrote to the Christians in Corinth, Paul lifted up one of the paradoxes of our faith: that though Jesus was rich, yet for our sake he became poor so that by his poverty we might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9).

It is in response to the grace of Jesus that we are called to the grace of giving. Our response should not spring from a sense of duty, however. Rather, it should grow out of a feeling of gratitude and joy.

In Paul's own words, the point is this: "the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

Give as God has given to you!

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FINANCES

BLON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

(12/12) 8 MONTHS

CCB General Checking Acct REPORT DATE: 08/31/98

| ACCOUNT | | YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR) | | | | YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR) |
|--|-------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------|
| NCOME | | | | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME TOTAL RENTAL INCOME | 15,714.90 | 136,195.97 | 140,601.28 | 4,405.31 | 210,902.00 | 128,845.93 |
| TOTAL RENTAL INCOME | 1,990.00 | 8,145.00 | 8,332.00 | 187.00 | 12,498.00 | 9,307.06 |
| TOTAL OFFICE INCOME | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 8.50 |
| TOTAL OFFICE INCOME TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND | 461.14 | 913.70 | 533.36 | 380.34+ | 800.00 | 1,198.75 |
| TOTAL VBS TUITION & FRES | .00 | .00 | 33.36 | 33.36 | 50.00 | -00 |
| TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS | 47.20 | 238.55 | 100.00 | 138.55+ | 150.00 | .00 |
| TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEI | OO. 91 | 2,281.77 | .00 | 2,281.77+ | .00 | 579.41 |
| TOTAL Interest | 12.27 | 758.19 | 400.00 | 358.19+ | 600.00 | 589.51 |
| TOTAL VBS TUITION & PRES TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEI TOTAL Interest TOTAL Misc. Income Accts | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 2,632.50 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 18.225.51 | 148,533.18 | 150.000.00 | 1,466.82 | 225.000.00 | 143.161.66 |
| | | | | | | |
| <u>XPBNSRS</u> | | | | | | |
| TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSE | 4R 180.51 | 1.942.77 | .00 | 1.942.77+ | .00 | 184.41 |
| TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEN TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACE | 500.00 | 1.250.00 | 2.014.00 | 764.00 | 2.450.00 | 1.428.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTERACE | 1.165.00 | 9.870.00 | 9.839.60 | 30.40+ | 15.138.00 | 8.732.00 |
| TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES | 30.75 | 2.515.64 | 2.124.80 | 390.84+ | 3,500.00 | 1,432,22 |
| TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES | 384.74 | 876.57 | 2,279.20 | 1,402,63 | 2,800.00 | 1,307.29 |
| TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES | 24.56- | 560.89 | 913.00 | 352.11 | 1,165.00 | 336.73 |
| TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EX | XP 595.52 | 3,502.58 | 4,192.92 | 690.34 | 6,250.00 | 2,047.04 |
| TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES | 9,999.50 | 87,736.79 | 95,672.64 | 7,935.85 | 143,766.00 | 89,499.21 |
| TOTAL DUCAL MISSION OUTRACE TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTRACE TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES TOTAL BYANGELISM EXPENSES TOTAL CERISTIAN EDUCATION BY TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES TOTAL Facility Operation Exp | p. 5,103.17 | 34,527.06 | 32,610.72 | 1,916.34+ | 50,291.00 | 30,840.72 |
| TOTAL Misc Expense Accts | .00 | 396.04 | .00 | 396.04+ | .00 | 3,234.00 |
| | 17,934.63 | 143,178.34 | 149,646.88 | 6,468.54 | 225,360.00 | 139,101.68 |
| NET TOTALS | 290.88 | 5,354.84 | | | | 4,059.98 |

Board of Trustees

The following notes refer to the ECCC Board of Trustees meeting, held on Sunday evening, September 13, 1998:

- 1) The women's fellowship group has raised the necessary funds for the installation of the refrigerator in the Parish House. The Board has approved the completion of work necessary in the kitchen to accommodate the unit.
- 2) The air handler motor an a thermostat have been replaced for zone 1 in the education wing and office suite.
- 3) The building supervisors are in contact with Mr. Moize, a pneumatic control specialist, for possible inspection and repair to the system.
- 4) The board has received a quote for replacing the Parish House entrance doors, and it will be filed in the event that the doors give more problems. (The doors presently installed have given much trouble in the past because they were not intended for such heavy use). The quotes are:

Single 4' door, including light panels
With glass
Double doors

\$1,125.00
\$1,540.00
\$1,345.00

- 5. The Board contacted S & S Siding for an estimate regarding steeple repair, but has not received one at this writing.
- 6) Upgrading the church's computer system and network will be scheduled. Estimated cost is \$3000.00.
- 7) Discussion was held on the possibility of spending \$2500.00 for the involvement of an architect in the planning for a church elevator.
- 8) A Rahco maintenance proposal will be adopted for all of the church's heating and air-conditioning equipment.



The Missions Board received a copy of the National Charities Information Bureau Wise Giving Guide. This report tells us there are over 650,000 organizations Classified as 501(c)(3). The NCIB was founded in 1918 by a group of national leaders who were concerned that Americans were giving millions of dollars to charitable organizations that they knew little or nothing about.

NCIB's mission is to promote informed giving, NCIB believe's that donors are entitled to accurate information about the charitable organizations that seek their support. NCIB also believes that well-informed givers will ask questions and make judgements that will lead to an improved level of performance by charitable organizations.

The Missions Board invited you to look over the NCIB Quick Reference chart that is posted on the Church Bulletin Board. Or, you may request a complimentary copy by writing to:

National Charities Information Bureau Dept 9702 19 Union Square West New York, NY 10003

The Elon Community Church Missions Board receives hundreds of requests each year for funding. The NCIB report is available to assist us in making decisions (consistent with our church's mission statement) concerning our churches mission giving.

Mary Ruth, Secretary Missions Board

"Good intentions do not move mountains, bulldozers do.
And in churches, volunteers are the bulldozers."
-Leslie Parrot
Motivating Volunteers in the
Local church

CONGRATULATIONS !!!



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS 1998

President: Meg Wilkins

Vice President: Matthew Woody

Secretary: Katy Grosse

Fund-naisen Chainpenson: Susan Heinzenling

> Historians: Leigh Ann Denny Matt Mayse

Thank you to lesli Denny, Lynn Denny, & Marie Wilkins for all their help with our youth program.

MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION COUNT!

AC/ETC FUND WILL CONTRIBUTE \$5000 TO

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF ALAMANCE COUNTY (HFHAC)



WE ARE PARTNERING WITH HFHAC, ELON COLLEGE, AND THE VAN HOOK FAMILY TO BUILD A
HOUSE LOCATED AT 1011 JACKSON STREET, BURLINGTON
MOST OF THE WORK WILL BE DONE ON SAT. MORNINGS WITH THE STUDENTS
SOME WORK WILL BE DONE ON WEEK DAY MORNINGS
CONSTRUCTION WILL START SEPTEMBER 12TH AND BE COMPLETED BY MAY, 1999
COME OUT AND HELP US BUILD THIS HOUSE FOR THE VAN HOOK FAMILY
NO CONSTRUCTION SKILLS NECESSARY, ONLY DESIRE TO HELP

WE NEED YOU!

CALL BILL BEYER 584-6911 FOR MORE INFORMATION

A story from your Global Ministries.

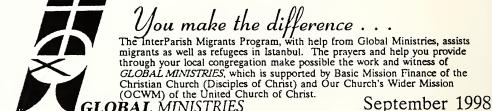
"Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter..." (Isa. 58:7, NIV)

NO PLACE TO CALL HOME

Doug Wallace, a missionary in Turkey since 1981, is a librarian with the Uskudar American School. In Istanbul, he attends an African international Christian fellowship where most of the group are Nigerians, "wanderers on the earth" who have no home and no intention of returning to their homeland — ruled by an unelected military dictatorship that systematically abuses their human rights. With them, Doug's ministry is one of accompaniment, or solidarity.

Nigerians in Turkey work exploitative jobs with low pay and no benefits. One man supporting his family in Nigeria crushed a finger and had to quit, suffering until a relief organization helped him get surgery. Desperate, he boarded a boat to Greece to seek work. The boat sank and all died but the three crew members who had life preservers. United Nations statistics report that only 50% of refugees who take to sea to escape untenable conditions survive. Nigerians have fled all kinds of oppression, but unless their lives are threatened for political or religious reasons they are not considered refugees by the U.N.

Many blacks are held in jail for months, often on visa expiration charges. A friend of Doug's was dismissed from his job without pay, but had no legal recourse since his visa had expired. Police often look away in order not to arrest undocumented refugees, but if there is trouble there is no protection. Being black, Doug said, "is an invitation to police search and imprisonment." He reports "a lot of despair among these fellow Christians. As I write, our meeting has been canceled because of police raids and incarceration of blacks.





They planned a wonderful celebration!
Good food, warm environment, hours of preparation . . . were the ingredients of a time that would be nurturing and affirming to all who participated. Invitations were sent and R.S.V.P.s were requested. A few said they'd come!

The hosts put a lot of themselves into the planning! The time of the celebration finally came. The hour to begin approached . . . then passed . . . and passed.

No one came.

The hosts were confused and more than a little upset. So much was wasted and their hopes for a good time were dashed!

Sad story. Bad manners.

It repeats everytime we fail to R.S.V.P. to those who teach our classes, lead our programs, or facilitate our meetings.

Let your "hosts" know when you cannot come! Respond to the invitation if you please!



Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services

Flowers for OCTOBER

Oct 4 - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Blanchard

Oct 11 - The Hughes Family

Oct 18 - Mr. & Mrs. Eric Allshouse

Oct 25 - Mr. & Mrs. Jim Starr

Ushers for OCTOBER

Oct 4 - Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley

Oct 11 - Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley

Oct 18 - Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath

Oct 25 - George Troxler, Dick Rinker, Bill Linde

Acolytes for OCTOBER

Oct 4 - Christine Fogleman/Anna Wilkins

Oct 11 - Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danielev

Oct 18 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry

Oct 25 - Jeff Wilkins/ Nicole Perry

Greeters for OCTOBER

Oct 4 - Harvey & Fran Hook

Oct 11 - Brian & Cathy Rose

Oct 18 - Steve & Katrina Chappell

Oct 25 - Wally & Nell Synder

Nursery for OCTOBER

Oct 4 - Jim & Lorene Lyon

Oct 11 - Maxine Rich/Miranda Rich

Oct 18 - Olga Griswold/Cile Welborn

Oct 25 - Eric & Melodie Allshouse

Second Hour Child Care for OCTOBER

Oct 4 - Lynn & Lesli Denny

Oct 11 - Sue Brown/David Brown

Oct 18 - Helen & Bill Rippy

Oct 25 - Gayland Welborn/Mark Danieley

Church Attendance for

Sept 13 - 172 Aug 23 - 243

Sept 20 - 173 / 351 Aug 30 - 265

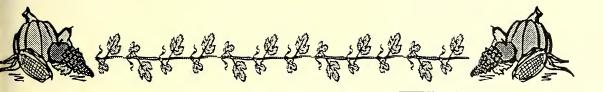
Sept 6 - 139 Sept 27 -



Month - October 1998

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the the Food Pantry!

We're thankful that our congregation cares for our community!



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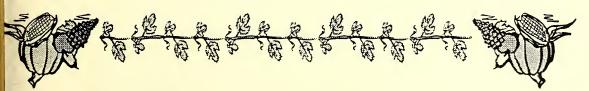
Elon College Community Church of the United Church of Christ P.O. Box 625
Elon College, PC 27244-0625

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The TORCH Vol. 6 No. 10

NEWSLETTER FOR:

PODEINGER 1998



So yes, the spiritual discipline is to be able to open properly to the gift, to face into the rain if possible, as if to hear the blessing as it is uttered. But if for some reason--our fear of the rain born from years of a roof over our head, for example--we are unable to do that, the grace that lets us welcome what blessing seeps in from the unclaimed groundwater is just as important. It is for me a sign of the persistence of God's love that despite my furling my leaves tightly that day beneath the neem trees, the blessings that rolled off my back might later reappear through an unexpected source to cool my roots. For me, sharing the blessing means witnessing to that persistence in whatever way we can.

Alan Krome is the Associate for Promotional Publications for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



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Sove NJGHT JN BETHLEHEM....

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RESERVATION FORM

Household Name:

No. to attend:

Phone:

I (we) will bring:

_ A large Pot of Soup

A platter of sandwiches

___A platter of cookies

A gallon of Tea/other drink

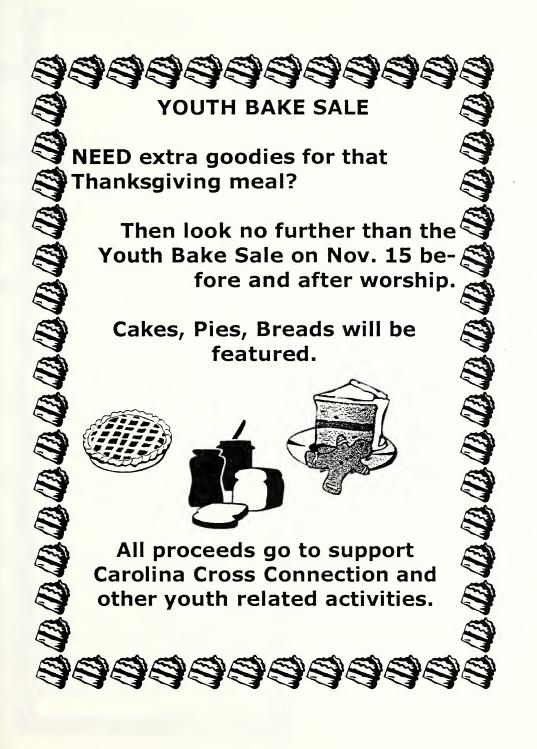
Intergenerational
ADVENT event.
Come take a tour
of Bethlehem on
the night Jesus
was born.

DECEMBER 13, 1998 6:00 - 6:30 pm - Meal 6:30 - 7:30 pm - Tour of Bethlehem RSVP by Nov. 29, 1998 to the church office.



BLON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES (12/12) 9 MONTHS CCB General Checking Acct REPORT DATE: 09/30/98

| ACCOUNT | | YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR) | | OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR | | |
|---|------------|--------------------------|------------|--|------------|---------|
| INCOME | | | | | | |
| | 15,222.11 | 151,418.08 | 158,176.44 | 6,758.36 | 210,902.00 | 145,06 |
| TOTAL RENTAL INCOME | 1,240.00 | 9,385.00 | 9,373.50 | 11.50+ | 12,498.00 | 10,28 |
| TOTAL OFFICE INCOME | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | |
| TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND | 0.0 | 913 70 | 600 03 | 313 67+ | 800 00 | 1,19 |
| TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES | .00 | .00 | 37.53 | 37.53 126.05+ 2,290.94+ 320.48+ | 50.00 | |
| TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS | .00 | 238.55 | 112.50 | 126.05+ | 150.00 | 2 58 |
| TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP | 9.17 | 2,290.94 | .00 | 2,290.94+ | .00 | 58 |
| TOTAL Interest | 12.29 | 770.48 | 450.00 | 320.48+ | 600.00 | 60 |
| TOTAL Misc. Income Accts | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 2,63 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 16,483.57 | | 168,750.00 | 3,733.25 | 225,000.00 | |
| | | ========== | | | | 2122111 |
| <u>EXPENSES</u> | | | | | | |
| TOTAL SPECIAL OFF. DISBURSEME | .00 | 1,942.77 | .00 | 1,942.77+ | .00 | 18 |
| TOTAL LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH | 100.00 | 1,350.00 | 2,197.00 | 847.00 | 2,450.00 | 1,51 |
| TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTRBACH | 1,565.00 | | | | | |
| TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES | .00 | 2,515.64 | 2,390.40 | 125.24+ | 3,500.00 | 1,60 |
| TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES TOTAL CERISTIAN EDUCATION EXITOTAL SALARY EXPENSES | 266.09 | 1,142.66 | 2,407.85 | 1,265.19 | 2,800.00 | 2,2 |
| TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES | 73.94 | 634.83 | 975.25 | 340.42 | 1,165.00 | 39 |
| TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EX | 561.60 | 4,064.18 | 4,776.41 | 712.23 | 6,250.00 | 2,2 |
| TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES | 14,407.89 | 102,144.68 | 107,631.72 | 5,487.04 | 143,765.00 | 102,93 |
| TOTAL Facility Operation Exp | . 4,733.31 | 39,260.37 | 37,743.31 | 1,517.06+ | 50,291.00 | 34,80 |
| TOTAL Misc Expense Accts | .00 | 396.04 | .00 | 396.04+ | .00 | 3,31 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | 164,886.17 | | | 225,360.00 | |
| | • | | | | ********* | |
| NET TOTALS | 5,224.26- | 130.58 | | | | 1,2 |



"Young Adult" College Forum Sunday School has Room for You . . .

It began as a forum style study course for college-age young adults. Our new Sunday School hour study begins with coffee-and at 9:45 and classes start at 10:00 on Sunday Mornings in Room 204. The Great House of God, written by Max Lucado, is our basis for study this Fall.

The class has grown to include "Young Adults" from 20 to 50+! Arch and Liz Aitcheson are the teachers and try to keep the material reflective and experiential. The study material based upon the Lord's Prayer is filled with the down-to-earth color of Max Lucado's style.

We are beginning to fill our small room, but there is always room for any who feel "young" at heart and want to join us on Sunday Mornings!

Not in a Sunday School class?

There's room in this one for you!

See you next Sunday!

WE WANT TO SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

CHALLENGE: We want to see 100% of those of you who are able to come to church services to make EVERY effort to be at Morning Worship on Sunday's, October 25, November 1, and ESPECIALLY, November 8!

This is more than a rally day event. It is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as Christian witnesses in Elon College. Come hear witnesses from our own church family, and our guest witness, Rev. Dr. William Smith, as we seek to be consecrated as a congregation to the full ministry of Jesus Christ!

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY! COME TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY!

YOUTH BOX

Remember... All youth meetings begin at 6:00 PM. A Snack Supper is provided.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 – DON'T BE IN THE DARK
Come join us for Youth at 6:00
PM. If you stay home, you'll continue to be in the dark. Come find out what it means to be surrounded by God's Light.
PLUS...Don't delay to sign up for Carolina Cross Connection.

Nov. 14 – IT'S OUR DAY FOR HABITAT

Plan to meet at the church at 8:30 AM to go as a group to the Habitat House. Bring a bag lunch. Plan to stay until about 3:00 PM. Habitat is counting on YOU that day.

Nov. 15 - A VERY BUSY DAY!

10:00 AM: Set up for Bake Sale

10:30 AM: Begin Bake Sale

12 Noon: Complete Bake Sale

6:00 PM: BE A BLESSING!

Come share your creativity and be
a blessing to someone. We plan
to make care packages and blessing cards to send to older adults,
college students, and others who
need our care.

WE NEED EVERYONE TO COME!

WELCOME, MARION!

The Board of Christian
Education welcomes Marion Aitcheson as our
Nursery/Childcare specialist. We feel this will
provide the kind of care
we want and need for our
young children.

From the Board of Missions

It's Thanksgiving month, and we here in ECCC have so very much for which
to be thankful. In the spirit of the season, the Board of Missions invites all
members to participate in a "Thanks Offering" activity which will emphasize
both "thanks" and "giving."

On Sunday, November 22 - as we enter Thanksgiving week - worshipers are asked to bring non-perishable food items to place on the altar table during morning worship. In lieu of a floral arrangement, we will enhance our worship setting and express our gratitude with items to stock our Food closet for use in the community. Everyone is urged to participate with canned goods and other staple items. What a wonderful way to demonstrate our thanks and to help others!

2. And from Thanksgiving we move into the Christmas season! As you begin making your shopping lists, we have a gift suggestion for that hard-to-buy for individual. It's a one-size-fits-all gift that will bring pleasure throughout the year: a copy of <u>Good Shepherd Feeding the Flock</u>. This cookbook, published by The Allied Churches of Alamance County, contains over 800 delicious local recipes in a durable 3-ring binder. Imagine the new dishes that can be created with ideas offered in this book!

Get your copies soon! They will be available in the Narthex before and after morning service for the next few weeks. Cost is only \$15. (Make checks to ACAC). Get a jump on your shopping with a cookbook which has the endorsement of our Pastor and at the same time, support the work of Allied Churches.

3. "Help!" That cry is coming from the Caring and Sharing Ministries of Allied Churches. This program needs volunteers who will give a few hours occasionally to help other citizens with chores around the home and with transportation to appointments, etc. The number of requests for such services in growing - more volunteers are needed!

Consider a few of the requests: senior citizen wants friendly visits and calls; another needs occasional rides to the doctor; elderly women needs her home painted; elderly women needs weeds removed and window cleaned; senior citizen needs someone to do grocery shopping, and in Elon College a blind, senior citizen requests transportation weekly to buy groceries.

Will you answer the call? Many lonely older members of our community need us. Call 229-0881 (Caring and Sharing Ministries of Aliied Churches).

Welcome to Elon's New First Family!

It is GOOD NEWS that we share with Elon College! Our Church family extends a warm welcome to Dr. Leo Lambert who will assume the duties of College President on January 1, 1999. We look forward to a more personal welcome at Elon College Community Church to Dr. Lambert, his wife Laurie and daughters Callie and Mollie when they make their home here. We agree with Dr. Lambert's words reported in an area newspaper. He quoted the words to the Shaker Hymn, "Simple Gifts". We agree that all has turned out "just right" as he accepts the call to leadership at Elon.

As they move from their home in Wisconsin our prayers reach out to them. Those of us who have moved in the past know the challenges, the emotions and the joys of such an experience. Obviously, we wish them God's Speed in their move. They will be saying many good-byes to friends at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, at their own United Church of Christ church community, and at the various schools where Laurie teaches and where Callie and Molly study.

Let us plan to extend understanding "hellos" to each member of the family as the eighth First Family of Elon College arrive.

Thanks Noel Allen and Friends . . .

Noel Allen, Esq. Grew up in Elon College and was a member of our church family for many of those years. He also attended Elon College for his undergraduate studies and serves on the college Board of Directors. Most recently he served on the Search Committee to find the eight president for Elon College.

He and thirteen other members of that committee sifted through one hundred ten applications from around the globe and gave countless volunteer hours to the task. Noel summed up the experience for a <u>Times News</u> reporter as "an exhilarating process".

Noel and Committee members we faithfully respond with, "Well done, Good and Faithful Servants!

November 1998

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ECCC Music



Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir welcomes new members:
Katie Brown - soprano
John Lott - tenor

Seats are still available for MORE new
members! Come join us as we have fun
making music "live" with Darla Bray.

Chancel Ringers meet weekly

Sundays 5-6 p.m.

Children's Music

Children's choral and handbell music groups are regrouping.

WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR NEW

SCHEDULING!



Alamance County Meals On Wheels



First Presbyterian Church 508 W Davis Street Burlington, NC 27215 Phone 336 228-8815 Fax 336 228-8892



September 30, 1998

Elon College Community United Church of Christ Rev. Archie Aitcheson PO BOX 625 Elon College, NC 27244-0625

Dear Rev. Aitcheson,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$83 to Alamance County Meals On Wheels during our last fiscal year. Our fiscal year is from July 1st to June 30th. Our cost per meal this year will be \$3.70. In order to continue the level and quality of our meal service we are writing to ask that you contribute the same amount as last year. If it is at all possible an additional \$100 donation would be tremendously helpful to us. Your donation will be used to help provide homedelivered meals for an elderly, handicapped and/or homebound person in our community. The meals may have helped or they are currently helping one of your church members, family member, or a neighbor.

To help you and your members to become familiar with our service, we have enclosed some agency brochures. Please share it with your members.

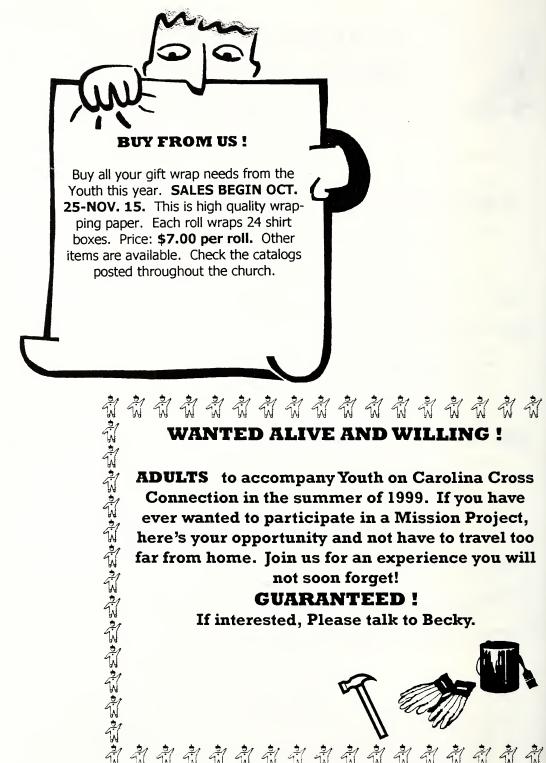
It is our hope that you and your group can continue to help Alamance County Meals On Wheels provide home-delivered meals. We want to continue to provide this important outreach service for our community. Any amount that you can contribute would be gratefully appreciated. It takes a community to provide Meals On Wheels.

Most Sincerely,

Mergonia a Puntion

Mrs. Margaret A. Paulson, R. D. - ACMOW Director

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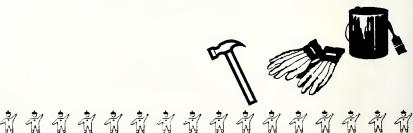


WANTED ALIVE AND WILLING!

ADULTS to accompany Youth on Carolina Cross Connection in the summer of 1999. If you have ever wanted to participate in a Mission Project, here's your opportunity and not have to travel too far from home. Join us for an experience you will not soon forget!

GUARANTEED!

If interested, Please talk to Becky.





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September 15th, 1998

Thanks so much!

Elon College Community U C C P O Box 625 Elon College NC 27244-0625

Dear Friend and Supporter,

Your gift of \$560.51 for our ministries means an especially great deal to Allied Churches right now, and we're very grateful. This summer has seen a dramatic drop in giving (in spite of our Spare Change Campaign), so that we are walking a very narrow financial line right now. So far, we've been able to avoid cutting back on our operations, and we hope that doesn't change. But by the time you receive this, it may have.

So we truly appreciate your generosity, and that of all our partners in ministry whose commitment is the heart of our work. We have a volunteer who works full-time in downtown Burlington, and this summer began giving one Saturday night each month to working overnight at the Shelter. Another volunteer has recently completed her first year of regular visiting to the same elderly woman each week. The caring of people like these, and you, make a great difference to guests, like the young shelter guest I just helped to get a state I.D. card so that he could accept a job offer.

So thank you again, and please remember us in your prayers.

Blessings and Peace,

Spencer W. Bradford Executive Director

• Area Churches Allied in Christian Service •

NOTES OF GRATITUDE AND GLORY

Thank You So Much

A warm and heartfelt
"Thank You"
intended to express
Sincere appreciation
for your special thoughtfulness.

Love, Nan

9/24/98

Hi

How can I ever thank you for such a gift?
I'm so impressed and grateful. You are such
a great, kind person and I'll never forget the
wonderful feeling I had when I opened the package.
I promise to try to live up to the nice
portrait of me that you composed.

Remember me to your family. I love each and everyone of you. My lhanks and my love.

- Mrs. Nan Henderson

09/21/98

Dear Arch,

Thank you so much for allowing me to speak to the congregation about Habitat for Humanity on Sunday, September 20. Your worship service glorified God through word, action, and song; I am honored to have been included in it.

Your partnership with the Elon College Habitat Chapter is very exciting to us and to them. I hope that members of your congregation are blessed by participating in this outreach ministry.

Thanks again for your support of the Habitat Ministry. Habitat is blessed by our association with Elon College Community Church.

Sincerely,

Robin Wintringham

Thank You For Your Thoughtfulness

9/24/98

Dear Arch and Board of Trustees,

Theron, Mike, Karen and I have had a prayful meeting and feel it would be Willard's wishes for the Memorial funds be put on landscaping project. He loved to see God's earth beautiful and things grown, would be pleased to see his home church grounds improved.

We again want to thank our friends and member of Elon College Community Church for these gifts in Willards memory (our dear loved one) who has gone on to the home with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ and Love,

Sibyl White and children

September 25, 1998

Dear Arch,

Thank you and your congregation for once again welcoming us into your church for Family Weekend. The service was truly enriching and your message was both insightful and thought provoking.

What a blessing to end our special weekend with such a meaningful service. I know those in attendance left with a full heart. Thank you too for making Elon's Gospel Choir such a special part of the service as well.

I look forward to visiting you church again soon.

Fondly,

Amanda L. Harless

I am currently in the process of earning my God and Life through the Boy Scouts of America at our church. One requirement of this program is to learn of all the jobs that go on inside the church. I thought to myself, "That's a piece of cake." So I began to compile a list of all the jobs I could think of within the church: Pastor, Director of Christian Education, Office Manager, and the Music Team (organist, pianist, and choral director). However, this short and sweet list only seemed to scratch the surface of the many jobs that go on unseen inside our church. I then researched further and found the following: there are two sextons at our church, a treasurer, and assistant treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent and teachers, money counters, people who help put the bulletin together, a head usher and ushers, people who repair and do needed jobs to the church itself, greeters, liturigists, and a group who put *The Torch* together. I was then thinking, "Wow, I never knew all these jobs even existed." I then went on to find out my list was still not complete. There are still all the Boards and Committees to be mentioned. There is a Board of Deacons, a Board of Christian Education, a Mission Board, Board of Trustees, Evangelism Board, Church Council, Stephen Ministries, and a Men's and Women's Fellowship. All these jobs take a lot of people to fill them. It takes all these paid and unpaid people to keep our church functioning day after day. I would like to thank all those who give their time to aid in any way to our church, mentioned or those that go unmentioned. Once again, thank you.

Matthew Woody

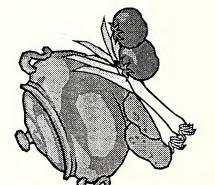
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees meeting of October 11, 1998, dealt with the following items of business:

- 1. There was an on-going discussion of the church steeple, and maintenance thereto. It is obvious that this is a complicated problem, but not yet of emergency status.
- 2. The control systems of AC/Htg units may require some professional input as to their operation.
- 3. Co-building Superintendent Harvey Hook led a discussion concerning replacement of the "altitudinous" light bulbs in the sanctuary's overhead fixtures. Input, re: the problem, included the hiring of a "high-wire artist", or else locating a supply of bulbs with a longer life. Action will be taken on the latter. (Pardon the pun.)
- 4. The trustees, who meet in the Hurst Room report that they have met the obligations of the Adopt-A-Room program, and invite inspection.
- 5. Church members will be pleased to learn the following: A new computer has found a home in the church office; and a new refrigerator has been installed in the kitchen of the Parish House. Regarding this, our thanks go out to Ralph and Hilda Oxford, and their helpers.
- 6. Harvey Hook and Biff Brafford have made the following request: Since it appears obvious that from time-to-time, at meals served in the Parish House, a number of high-chairs would be helpful; it would be appreciated if anyone having an unused high-chair would consider donating it.



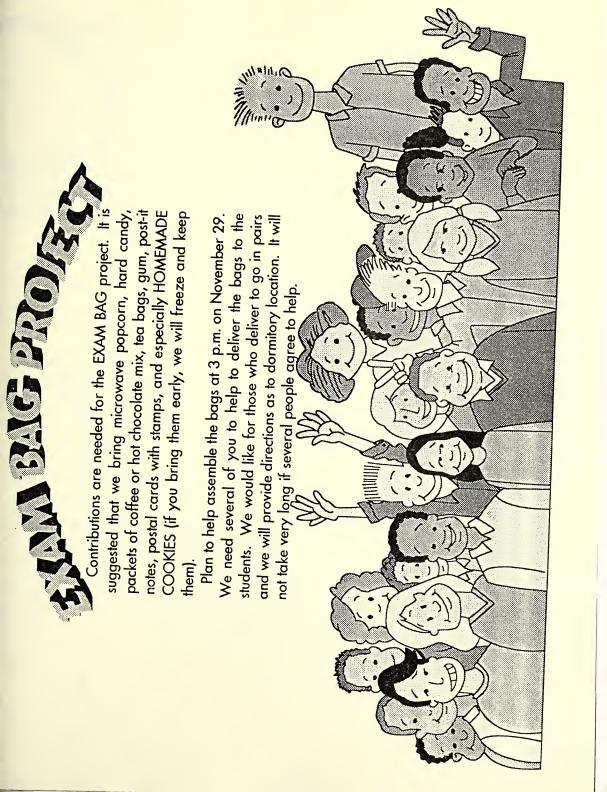
House on Saturday evening, November 21, at 6pm. The by Paul Huey at a cost of \$8.00/person. Members of the The first of our Fellowship Dinners will be held in the Parish menu will consist of 2 meats and 3 vegetables, will be catered



those wishing to have them. Tickets will be available after church on November 15 and at the door for those who have

Others will be invited to assist. Rides will be available for Board of Evangelism will be responsible to provide desserts.

made reservations. Inserts for reservations will be included in the bulletin on November 8 and 15. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2001 Sponsored by the evangelsm board



Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services Flowers for NOVEMBER

Nov 1 - Mr. & Mrs. Mike Mayse

Nov 22 - Dr. & Mrs. William Rippy

Ushers for NOVEMBER

Nov 1 - Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley

Nov 8 - Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley

Nov 15 - Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Bever, Richard Orsvath

Nov 22 - George Troxler, Dick Rinker, Bill Linde

Nov 29 - Jeff Wilkins, Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, Bill Ruth

Acolytes for NOVEMBER

Nov 1 - David Brown/Miranda Rich

Nov 8 - Christine Fogleman/Anna Wilkins

Nov 15 - Jesse Chatfield/Zach Welborn

Nov 22 - Leigh Ann Denny/Rebecca Perry

Nov 29 - Jeff Wilkins/Nicole Williamson

Greeters for NOVEMBER

Nov 1 - Ray and Cathy Covington

Nov 8 - Dee and Mona Atkinson

Nov 15 - Walter and Mary Boyd

Nov 22 - Cary and Jackie Matlock Nov 29 - Steve and Kim Perry

Nursery for NOVEMBER

Nov 1 - Heidi Danieley/Susan Heinzerling

Nov 8 - Verona & Earl Danielev

Nov 15 - Wilma & Nicole Williamson

Nov 22 - Ann & Kim Acquilano Nov 29 - Robin & Mike Gregory

Second Hour Child Care for NOVEMBER

Nov 1 - Bill Linde/Katherine Floyd

Nov 8 - Patsy & Eddie Oliver

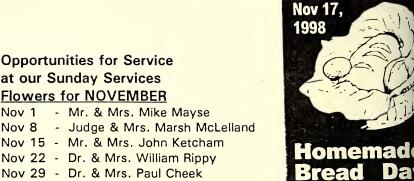
Nov 15 - Laura Chatfield/Kim Webb

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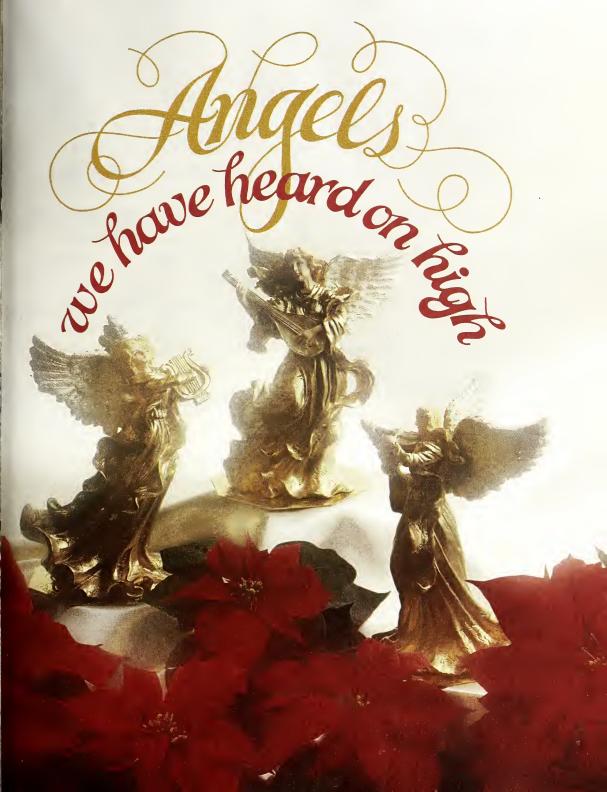
Church Attendance for

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From the Pastor Preparation

Prepare yourselves for the dramatic changes Peace proclaims from the solitary prophetic message of the Wilderness Wanderer. Get ready for the transfusion of spirited hope offered so freely to every listener and every seeker, home-body and traveler! Messiah will soon be born into the troubled world of human need, cradled by poverty's hunger and desperation's anxious yearning. The Simple Truth of the Divine Parent's care and tender embrace is birthed into the sacred consciousness of a new eternal morning. Make pathways straight and sure to the powerful epiphanies beyond star-lit journeys and pastoral moonlight angelic appearance. In readiness expect the unexpected, capture the miracle promise of the birth of God's intimate touch and our eternal deliverance. Lift up all that has been beaten down and raise up the defeated in the Good News that the Creator cares and holds us ever safe; Begin personal preparations of prayer and of faithful service as you get focused to experience the brightness of God's grace. Prepare, because your life depends upon believing and claiming Advent's call and claim upon the past, present, and future. The Christ, named, Jesus, will find a human beginning within the soul prepared for spiritual transformation and holy adventure. Prepare for Christ's birth prayerfully and in new and refreshing ways blessing you with blessings and peace as you live out these challenging days!

A blessed Christmas to All Who Make Room for Christ . . .



Spencer W. Bradford Executive Director

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October 30th, 1998

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Dear Caring Donor,

Allied Churches thanks you for your contribution of \$500.00 for our ministries. We especially thank you on behalf of a disabled man and his wife (who works full time), who are struggling to make ends meet. When the water pump for their house broke, and they lost their water supply as a result, it was almost enough to push them over the edge. Thanks to a volunteer who called us to see what we could do, staff members who could verify the need and had a network to call in such situations about repairs, and volunteers who not only donated the labor to replacing the pump but also bought the supplies and parts themselves — thanks to all of these, a truly serious crisis was avoided. Cooperation like this is what Allied Churches is about. This is who we are.

Because of your support, we're able to feed hungry people, including the elderly, disabled, and weak. With your gifts, we bring in the lost and homeless from the streets, and when we can, we keep families in crisis in their homes through helping with their bills. Volunteers visit and drive to appointments senior citizens, and we buy prescription medicines for the indigent ill. At times of the year like now, when we're operating hand to mouth, based on our day to day donations, we especially appreciate your support. Thank you again.

Blessings and Peace,

Spencer W. Bradford Executive Director



BE A FORCE FOR CHANGE

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WORLD AIDS DAY SERVICE TUESDAY, DEC. 1 7:00 PM

At

Elon College Community Church, UCC Williamson Ave. Elon College, North Carolina

A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND COMFORT

OPEN TO ALL WHO CARE!

\$ Join us in this international recognition Service of faith and hope.

Christmas Fund - Sunday, December 20"

The Christmas Season is a time for remembering and sharing. The last of our Mission offerings of the year encourages both of these actions. The Christmas Fund recognizes and addresses the needs of retired clergy and, in many instances, of widowed spouses. Oftentimes, these elderly "Veterans of the Cross" served in situations which carried low financial provisions. This offering supplements the pensions of these low-income retired clergy and provides grants for financial crises.

We are asked to remember the services rendered by these retirees, some of whom now volunteer in local churches and in conferences. And we are encouraged to share on December 20 when we contribute to the Christmas Fund.

9. Alexander
Missions Board

ONE NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM....



An intergenerational ADVENT event.

Come take a tour of Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born.

DECEMBER 13, 1998 6:00 - 6:30 PM - MEAL 6:30 - 7:30 PM - Tour of Bethlehem

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MEET IN CHOIR ROOM SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 6:00 - 700 P.M.

PLAN REHEARSALS FOR EASTER MUSIC!!



"Hey! What's this Warning Label that says "MAY INDUCE DROWSINESS"?

Paul Burton (c)MMI

As Matthew Woody recently pointed out, there are a lot of "jobs" being completed in the church of which many of us are unaware. One of those is the monthly preparation of the church newsletter. After the newsletter is published by the church staff, The Torch volunteers assemble the newsletter and prepare it for mailing while enjoying approximately 1-1/2 hours of good fellowship.

Joining me each month is Paul & Eleanor Fairfield and Betty Walker, who also serves as Coordinator in my absence, and on a regular basis Jackie Matlock, Jane Alexander, Verona Danieley, Melva Foster and Bill & Helen Rippy.

Thank you to all of these volunteers who always say "Yes" when called.

Norma Watson Coordinator

Stephen Ministry

There are times that everyone needs someone to listen to them. Everyone includes both men and women. In our society men are often encouraged to hide their feelings and not show emotion. It doesn't mean that those feelings disappear.

My training as a Stephen Minister has given me the opportunity to be a Christian listener to another Christian in need.

One rule of the Stephen Minister program is that men shall be matched up with men. Therefore, it is important that we have several men in the program.

Please consider becoming part of this vital program. True, it's not for everyone, but it may be for you.

I would be happy to discuss this exciting ministry with you.

I pray that God will place this need on your heart.

Bill Ruth Stephen Minister

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees meeting on November 8, 1998, dealt with the following items of business:

- Paul Fairfield volunteered to be in charge of the Shelter Meal scheduled for December 4th.
- The church office was directed to call Paul Holt at Elon College and ascertain if they are able to replace the light bulbs in the sanctuary, thus solving this on-going and difficult problem.
- A motion was made to take ownership of the new trailer equipment that the scout troop has purchased.

Keeping Up With Our College Students

Listed below are our college students for whom we have addresses. Members, please let them know we want to remain a part of their lives. Parents, if your child is not on this list, please let us know. Students, keep up with your friends and come to church when you're in town.

Miss Jamie Brown 301 C Lee NCSU Box 15589 Raleigh, NC 27607

Miss Lydia Troxler 125 Granville Towers East Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Miss Marie Acquilano

Greenville, NC 27858

106 A Eastbrook Dr.

240 Owen Hall NCSU Box 04494 Raleigh, NC 27607

Mr. JR Heinzerling

Miss Heather Dillashaw 3210 Orleans Dr. Apt. # 1 Nashville, TN 37212

> Mr. Dylan Bragg UNC-W Station PO Box 23862

Wilmington, NC 28407

Miss Heidi Troxler 901 Granville Towers East University Square Chapel Hill, NC 27514

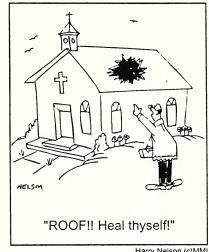
Miss Tara McKenna 202 Cotton Hall ECU Greenville, NC 27858

ASU PO Box 7486 Boone, NC 28608

Miss Rachel Dillashaw

Miss Mandy Jourdan 174 Bay Water Rd. Winterville, NC 28590





Harry Nelson (c)MMI



Children (preschool – 5th grade) are invited to

A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

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DECEMBER 20, 1998 IN THE K-3RD GRADE CLASS ROOM At 10:00 AM.

Sunday School teachers for these classes need to be present. Parents are welcome to join us. Come celebrate Christmas with us!







NEWS OF SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

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New Elon College President Is Nationally Recognized Educator

ELON COLLEGE—Dr. Leo M. Lambert, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-La



Crosse, was elected Oct. 13 as the eighth president of Elon College by the board of trustees.

He will succeed Dr. J. Fred Young, who retires Dec. 31 after 25 years of

Dr. Leo M. Lambert after 25 years of service. Lambert, who recently was named by Change magazine as an outstanding leader in American higher education, will begin his new duties Jan. 1, 1999.

"Dr. Lambert possesses the academic and senior leadership experience which qualify him to lead this institution into the 21st century," said Robert LaRose, chair of the board of trustees and a 1966 Elon graduate. "He has built an outstanding reputation as one of America's top administrators and will foster a climate of excellence as we build on Elon's reputation as one of the premier undergraduate institutions on the Eastern Seaboard."

Lambert, 43, said he was honored to have been selected for the position and is looking forward to becoming a member of a dynamic college community.

"One of the factors that attracted me to the Elon presidency is the institution's commitment to innovation in the curriculum and in teaching," Lambert said. "It is the most improved institution in the state in the past 15 years and has visionary trustees, a creative faculty and staff and a talented student body.

"Elon is well on the way to defining something truly distinctive in higher education that requires and deserves greater visibility," he said.

Lambert was nominated by a search committee, whose members included trustees, faculty, staff and the president of the college's Student Government Association. The committee received 115 applications

from higher education administrators and business executives nationwide.

"The search committee found many outstanding potential presidents," said Noel Allen, a Raleigh attorney, who is chair of the committee and a 1969 Elon graduate. "Leo Lambert brings to Elon a unique combination of intelligence, experience, integrity and charisma."

Lambert is a native of Scotia, NY, near Schenectady. He and his wife, Laurie, who is a reading and math teacher, have two daughters, Callie, 13, and Mollie, 10.

He graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in English from State University of New York at Geneseo, received a master of education from the University of Vermont in Burlington and was awarded a doctorate in education from Syracuse University.

In 1994. Lambert was named associate vice chancellor/dean of graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, which has an enrollment of 8,500 and is one of the 13 four-year universities in the University of Wisconsin system. In 1996 he was named interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and in 1997 he assumed those positions on a permanent basis. He also is professor of foundations of educational policy and practice at the university.

At La Crosse, he has been a strong supporter of international education and fostered student and faculty exchanges in China, Russia. Germany and Mexico. He also supported the establishment of a new undergraduate research program and is currently teaching in a freshman seminar program. He established a new academic discovery lab and a pilot peer advising program to improve student advising services.

Lambert has written extensively on university teaching and participated in several national projects related to teaching improvement. He is a member of the board of directors of the American Association of Higher Education. He is also co-editor of three AAHE volumes on school-college

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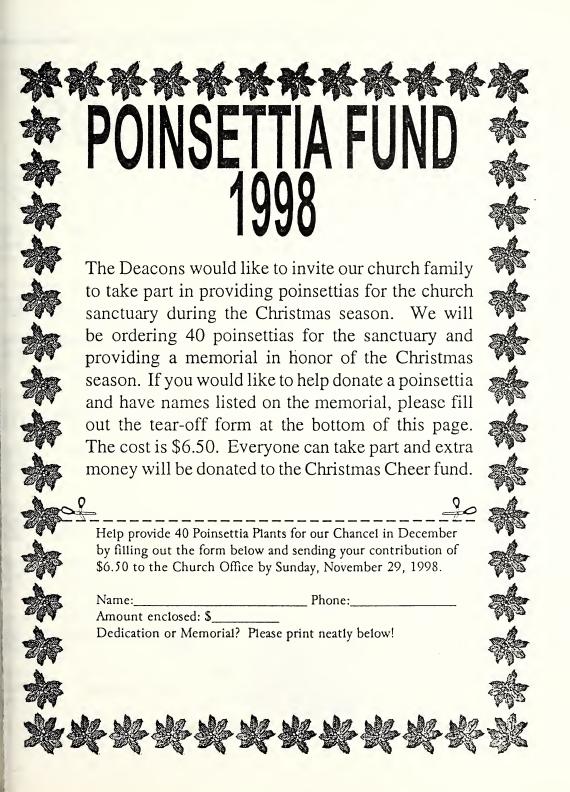
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Prior to his work at the Universit Wisconsin-La Crosse, Lambert speryears at Syracuse University, one contained the university in 1980 as proaevaluator for the Center for Inst. Development. He then served as assadirector of Project Advance, an awarding university partnership program whigh schools that provided the opport for talented seniors to take freshman courses. In 1988 he was named assadean of the graduate school and direct the teaching assistant program. Five a later he was appointed acting dean.

While at Syracuse, Lambert established Future Professoriate Project, which pares graduate students to teach in education, with \$1 million in support the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Future Improvement of Postsecca Education. The program was awarded tifficate of excellence in the Theodo Hesburg Prize competition for fudevelopment.

Lambert began his career in higher ton as a lecturer at the Universe Vermont in Burlington, and as as director and acting director of the unity's Living/Learning Center, a unique of the supporting year-long educational grams designed either by faculty (5) dents.

Lambert is active in the La Crosso munity. He is on the board of direct the La Crosse Symphony Orchestra member of the Downtown Rotary Cla First Congregational Church (In Church of Christ).



December 1998

Monday

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Entering College, Entering Life

During the second week of school at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, staff worker Laura Abernathy gave a large-group talk about the radical love of Jesus. When she finished her talk, she saw a freshman, Karen, standing alone; immediately Laura felt drawn to her. As they began talking, Karen informed Laura that she had never been to a "religious thing" before.

Karen talked about the pain and fear she had been experiencing with her family, boyfriend and the party scene. Laura was able to share her testimony and Jesus' love with Karen that night. In mid-September, Karen attended a chapter retreat where she was encouraged to let Christ be her security and identity. After walking on the beach and praying together with Laura, Karen gave her life to Christ. Praise God for this new life!

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God has used the blessing of your thoughtfulness to bring His presence nearer to my heart.

Dear Elon College Community Church.

Thank you so much for your prayers and for your recent financial gift to our ministry. It moves me when church bodies in our community come along side of this ministry, and support these precious young men and women.

Our prayer is that God will use our ministry to somehow allow each student on this campus to experience the warm embrace of Christ and to know the Hope in Him. Thank you for being a special part of that!

In Christ.

Ray Crompton Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

"Hi"

Words can not express how much this church means to me, I have been going though some very hard times, my pride has been so big that its really been hard for me to take the things that I have had to go though. The Lord has blessed me even more than I know I deserve, I just can't begin to tell the church how much I thank you for all the gifts of love and help sent my way. I feel that you can all most know my needs, I try so hard to take care of matters and yet you always know when I could use extra care and you bless me again.

I hope that I can help give back the love that I receive" I LOVE YOU ALL".

Love in Christ, Patricia Richardson

Congratulations to Rich Neubauer!

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For the three years Rich served as our organist, we sent him away with a "purse" in appreciation for his service here at Elon College Community Church. We wish him Godspeed in his new job!





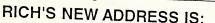
Dear Friends.

The last three years have been a wonderful and exciting time in my life. It has been an honor and privilege to be a part of the music program of Elon College Community Church. You have a super music team in Betty and Darla, and a wonderful group of people in the choir. It is certainly strange to be home on Wednesday nights. While I look forward to wherever God calls me to play (and I hope he does), it has been agonizing to make the decision to relocate. Your outpouring of kindness and love has indeed been overwhelming. Thank you all for your cards, letters and gifts. I look forward to hearing wonderful things about the music program.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and may God grant you his peace.

In Christ, our Lord and our brother.

Rich



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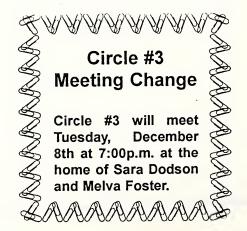


BLON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

(12/12)10 MONTHS

CCB General Checking Acct REPORT DATE: 10/31/98

| ACCOUNT | CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR) | YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR) | BUDGET TO DATE | OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR | ANNUAL BUDGET | YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR) |
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| TOTAL INCOME | 18,329.21 | 183,345.96 | 187,500.00 | 4,154.04 | 225,000.00 | 176,821.61 |
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| TOTAL EXPENSES | | 181,920.55 | | | | |
| NET TOTALS | 1,294.83 | 1,425.41 | | | | 1,911.43 |



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This update focuses on the Hurricane Mitch Recovery.

An estimated 13,000 people have died in the Hurricane Mitch catastrophe—most in Central America's two poorest countries, Honduras and Nicaragua. As families grieve and search for those still missing, Church World Service partners are assisting survivors.

In the Honduran capital, Tegucigalpa, CWS partner the Christian Commission for Development, CCD, has accept responsibility from the government to care for all the people who have taken shelter in Protestant churches.

The government has given CCD use of army helicopters to bring emergency assistance to otherwise inaccessible areas of the countryside. CCD has established warehouses from which to dispatch emergency supplies to areas of greatest need.

"This is a nationwide disaster," says Noemi Espinoza, director of CCD, "The devastation won't be felt just this week and next, but will be with us for a long time to come. It's not just the coast that is affected; the poorest farmers up in the mountains have lost all their crops. There are mudslides everywhere. Fifty rivers have overflowed their banks; 27 principle bridges along major roads are washed out: 150,000 people are homeless. We need not only blankets, generators, medicine, and kits, but also food — because this is when we normally bring in the harvest."

Honduran officials estimate it could take 30-40 years to recover from the devastation of Mitch because much of the nation's agriculture was destroyed.

"I have seen earthquakes, droughts, two wars, cyclones, tidal waves, but this is undoubtedly the worst thing I have ever seen," Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo of Nicaragua, quoted by the Miami Herald, said of the disaster in his country.

Francisco Ortiz, a representative of CEPAD, the Council of Evangelical Churches of Nicaragua, a long-time CWS partner, reports that in the province of Posoltega, 70 miles west of Managua, some 800 people are thought dead, and in Villanueva, 600 have disappeared.

Ortiz also says there is an urgent need for additional aid as thousands of children and families are hungry and also at risk of diarrhea, dehydration, and other illness.

One of the worst hit areas of Nicaragua was about 50 miles northwest of the capital, Managua, where an avalanche of mud overflowed from a crater lake atop Casitas Volcano, inundating two villages. Most of the approximately 1,500 people who lived there are presumed dead.

Areas of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico were also affected by Hurricane Mitch, one of the worst natural disasters to hit the region in modern history. At least one Salvadoran village was reportedly wiped off the map when flood waters washed 150 houses away.

CWS is providing an initial \$40.000 in Blanket Program funds and is seeking additional funds to provide other emergency assistance for families affected by Hurricane Mitch. CWS is airlifting tents, blankets, medicines and medical supplies, rice, beans, powdered milk, health kits, and layettes to assist CCD in Honduras. The cost of the airlift is approximately \$45,000. CWS is also helping to send a volunteer medical team from Cuba to Honduras, where they will help provide much-needed medical assistance. In Nicaragua, CWS is providing an initial \$20,000 to assist the emergency response of our partners there.

Additional support is needed to assist the emergency and recovery efforts in Honduras, Nicaragua, and across Central America. Gifts may be designated to Hurricane Mitch Recovery.

Your prayers and support make possible these and other life sustaining programs. Gifts may be made through your local church, or directly to Church World Service, 28606 Phillips St., P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515. To make a credit card contribution, please call 1-800-297-1516, ext. 222, or visit the CWS website at www.churchworldservice.org. For information about CWS/CROP community events in your area, please call your regional office at 1-888-297-2767. For information about free loan videos, please call your regional office or the Elkhart office at 1-800-297-1516, e-mail to: cws.film.library.parti@ecunet.org. To receive the Hotline via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to jackiec@ncccusa.org.

Show Me What I Yet May Do. . .

. . . Become a Stephen Minister

The next Stephen Ministry Program Training schedule will begin Thursday, January 7, 1999 at 7 p.m. in the church library.

Stephen Ministry is a ministry for all of us. Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone especially trained, and special to care, to listen, to share God's love with you, can help you get through the confusion, stress, and loneliness you may be experiencing.

A Stephen Minister is:

- a child of God who works beside a hurting person
- a caring Christian friend who really listens
- a lay person who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctive Christian care.

There are many among us who are ready for that special someone, like you, to care, to listen. It seems that as I write this that the harvest is so great, but we do not have enough laborers, Stephen Ministers to call upon, we need you as God calls you to the ministry of love, caring and listening. It will help you personally as well to grow in faith and love, and to witness to our Lord.

Our Stephen Ministers include:

Joy Aitcheson, Laura Chatfield, Katherine Floyd, Carol Heinzerling, Linda Raker, Pat Richardson, Bill Ruth, Sue Shipley, Roberta Starr and Emily Woody

Stephen leaders include:

Arch Aitcheson, Beth Schmidt, Sue Shipley and Beth Wilkins

Speak or call one of the leaders to begin the training to be a Stephen Minister. If these listed can do it, so can you!

Christmas Cheer. . . .

In past years we have pooled resources and adopted a few families in our community through the CHRISTMAS CHEER program in Alamance County. This year we would like to challenge our congregation to reach a bit further, Inspired by and Elon College Student who shopped for a family, purchasing new clothing and toys as needed for a family, some of us in leadership felt that perhaps more of us would like to get involved.

Perhaps you and your household, a Sunday School Class, a church organization or a circle of church friends would like to adopt a family for this Christmas season. It would mean providing clothing, toys, and a Christmas Dinner for whatever household you adopted. It would also be left to you to purchase what was needed, and see that it was delivered to CHRISTMAS CHEER for delivery to the family.

If you or a gathering of you would like to participate please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by December 1. Assignments will be made as your responses come in! Our Women's Fellowship has already accepted the challenge. The rest of us are invited to participate.

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| | I/WE Would like to adopt a household for Christmas. I/We agree to purchase new clothing and toys as requested, and to provide groceries for Christmas Dinner for the household assigned. | | | | | | |
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DECEMBER STUFF

Dec. 6 – MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST

Join us for the beautiful and traditional

Moravian Love Feast. It's a great opportu
nity to get into the Christmas Spirit. The

service begins at 5:00 PM.

Dec. 13 – FAMILY ADVENT EVENT
Join with your family and others from our
church as we travel to Bethlehem for one
special visit. The event begins at 6:00 PM.

Dec. 20 – PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! Everyone is invited to join us for a Christmas Party at Becky's House. You need to bring a gift of \$5.00 or under that is appropriate for male or female. Plan to stay until 7:30 PM.

Youth will not meet during the Christmas holidays. Remember to join us on Jan. 10, 1998 at 6:00 PM.

GOT STAMPS?

Please save all your special issue used postage stamps; cut them out with a small border and place them in the labeled box just outside the church office. Proceeds from sales of these stamps to collectors will help to feed the hungry.

With Deepest Sympathy to the Bereaved Families

Praying that your family will grasp God's extended hand of comfort and hold to it tightly in your time of loss.

Elon College Community Church Family

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Dec 27 - The Martin Family Dec 20 - Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Brafford Dec 13 - Mr. & Mrs. Gene Grimley Dec 6 - Mr. & Mrs. Dee Atkinson Flowers for DECEMBER at our Sunday Services donated by Dr. and Mrs. Ed Powell, III Opportunities for Service Advent Sunday Christmas Door Wreaths

Dec 20 - Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Dec 13 - Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Dec 6 - Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley Ushers for DECEMBER Richard Orsvath Robin Woody, Stan Willard, Tommy Oakley

Dec 27 - George Troxler, Dick Rinker, Bill Linde

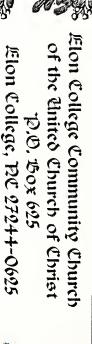
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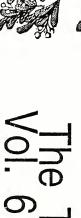
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